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## Politician killed

COLOMBO, (Kuma): Tamil Tiger rebels shot dead a popular Muslim local politician, Ahmed Lebbe, 52, in eastern Sri Lanka, plunging the multi-racial area into ethnic tension yesterday, security officials said.

## Avalanche kills 19

ANKARA, (UPI): At least 19 people including a baby and 500 heads of livestock died in their sleep when an avalanche described as the size of a six-floor building buried eight houses in south-eastern Turkey, officials said yesterday.

## Tour postponed

THE HAGUE, (Reuter): A bicycle tour in Israel by prominent Dutch politicians has been postponed indefinitely because of Arab-Israeli violence in the occupied territories, the tour's organiser said.

## Search goes on

LONDON, (Reuter): Security forces in Gibraltar are searching for a possible car bomb after three Irish guerrillas were shot dead by soldiers in the British rock colony on Sunday, Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said. (See Page 2)

## Minehunting fleets

ABU DHABI, (Reuter): The Netherlands and Belgium may reduce their minehunting fleets in the Gulf within two months, Dutch Defence Minister Wim van Eekelen said.

## 10-year-old boy beheaded

TALIJA, Spain, March 7, (Reuter): A man beheaded a 10-year-old boy after a bar argument and threw the head into a blazing fireplace, police sources in the southern Spanish town of Talija said.

They said Manuel Martin Vasquez, 24, held a knife to the boy's throat after an argument with his uncle and ordered everyone out of the bar. He then locked the door, severed the boy's head and threw it into the fire.

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## WEATHER

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## Israelis storm vehicle: six killed, eight wounded

# Palestinians hijack bus on way to N-reactor

AROER, Israel, March 7, (Agencies): Three Palestinian commandos hijacked a bus taking workers to Israel's top secret nuclear reactor today and killed a hostage before police and soldiers stormed the bus and shot them dead.

Two more Israelis were killed and eight were wounded during the storming of the bus. The commandos threw hand grenades and fired a Kalashnikov assault rifle to seize the bus taking workers from Beersheba to the nuclear plant near Dimona, in the Negev desert, where foreign press reports say Israel makes atom bombs.

The driver and most passengers escaped. The commandos took the remaining passengers hostage and demanded the release of all Palestinian prisoners from Israeli jails. Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai, head of southern command, told reporters.

**Negotiations**

Troops surrounded the bus. After an hour of negotiations, the gunmen shot dead a hostage and wounded two others. Mordechai immediately ordered a border police anti-terrorist unit to storm the bus. In a two-minute battle, the three commandos were killed and the other passengers rescued, the Army said.

"They shot dead one of the hostages in cold blood and wounded two women. There was no choice," Mordechai said.

Army radio identified the dead Israelis as Victor Ran, 39, an engineer and a widower with three children, Miriam Ben Yair, 46, a mother of four, and Rina Shilonsky, a 31-year-old mother of two.

**Gunpoint**

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin told Parliament that two Israeli women were killed as the soldiers stormed the bus.

"Their purpose was apparently to take the bus to a populated area," he said.

Eight other women passengers were injured, none severely, and

treated at Beersheba's Soroka Hospital. The gunmen, who apparently entered Israel from Egypt earlier commanded an Army car, forcing out four unarmed soldiers at gunpoint, and drove through a police roadblock with guns blazing before stopping the bus, police spokesman Michael Ida said.

Survivors said the commandos told them they were members of Yasser Arafat's Fatah group, the mainstream movement in the PLO.

Daisy Sorek, one of the passengers unable to leave the bus said the gunmen threatened to kill a passenger every quarter of an hour.

"The rescue action was swift. The soldiers instructed us to duck. To my regret, two more women died, one in front of me, one behind," she told reporters.

An anonymous caller later claimed responsibility for the attack on behalf of Fatah's Force 17 in a telephone call to an international news agency in Jerusalem.

It was the most serious attack inside Israel since a Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip began on Dec. 9.

## Penetrated

Chief of Staff Dan Shomron said in a radio interview that the three commandos penetrated from Egypt in the Sinai desert.

"I believe the Egyptians are not happy about these infiltrations from their frontier and they are taking action — nevertheless, the fact is the last infiltration was one month ago and here we have another infiltration," he said.

Rabin, who flew to the scene of the hijacking by helicopter and witnessed the storming, said the attack was aimed at sabotaging US Secretary of State George Shultz's peace initiative for the Middle East.

"Its purpose: war with Israel, hostage-taking. Its victims: women, innocent civilians. Not throwing stones, not throwing petrol bombs, not violent demonstrations but peaceful civilians," he said.

**Scheme**

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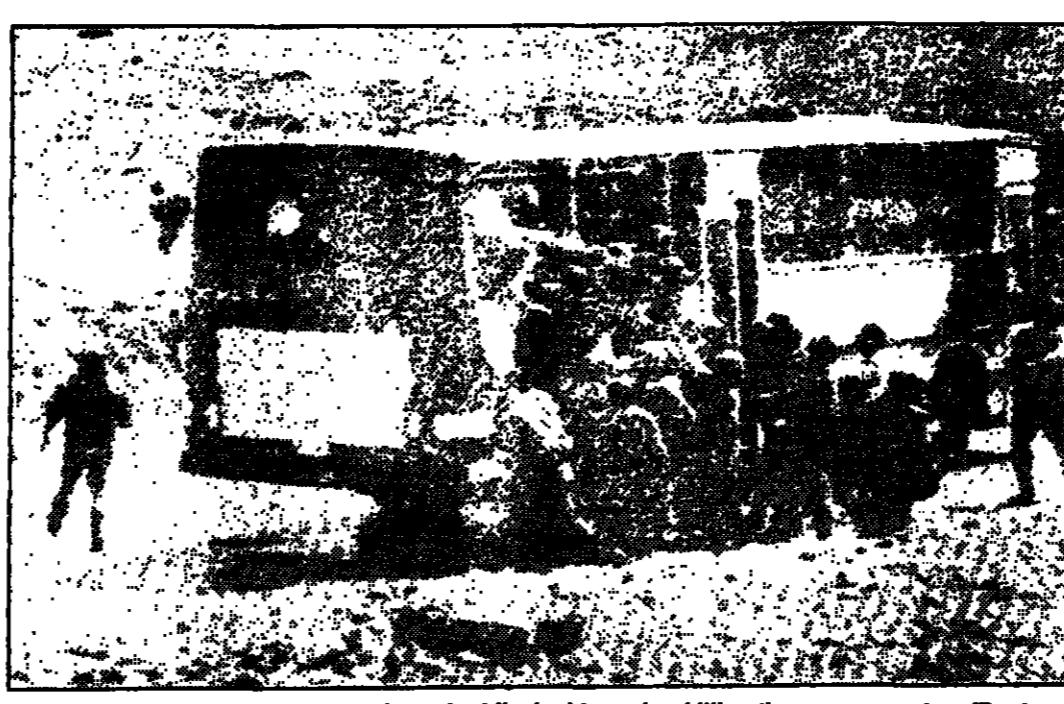
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Also, troops shot and wounded



Israeli soldiers remove a hostage from the hijacked bus after killing three commandos. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Shultz may return to Middle East

# Jordan invites Arafat for talks

AMMAN, March 7, (Reuter): Jordanian Information Minister Hani Al Khasawneh said today Amman sees positive elements in the Middle East peace plan proposed by US Secretary of State George Shultz.

A political source said King Hussein, seeking an Arab consensus on the Shultz plan, had invited Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat to Amman to discuss it.

In Damascus, a high-level Syrian source said Shultz will return to the region if Syria is accepting the US peace plan.

Negotiations would hinge on UN Security Council resolution 242, which calls for Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab lands and says all states in the region have a right to live in peace within secure borders.

It ignores Palestinian demands for self-determination, which last November's Arab League summit implicitly endorsed.

Khasawneh said Jordan insisted on a role for the PLO, but the issue of whether the PLO would attend a peace conference separately or in a joint delegation with Jordan had not been discussed.

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It was the second major guerrilla attack in four months. Communist gunmen killed two US servicemen and a retired American airman in ambushes outside Clark Air Base last October and the communists have repeatedly threatened to step up attacks on foreign targets.

On Saturday about 100 rebels in captured government vehicles seized Abra de Illog on Mindoro island, 160 km (100 miles) south of Manila after overpowering the town police station and holding six officers hostage.

The rebels were from a local unit providing security at Subic, America's biggest overseas naval base. Farraj waved a white flag of surrender from the roof of his house at 4.30 yesterday, walked

## Iraq intensifies attack on Iran

# Casualties mount in missile strikes

BAGHDAD, March 7, (Agencies): Iraq began a second week of missile strikes on Tehran today and said several civilians were killed by an Iranian rocket attack on Baghdad.

An Iraqi military spokesman said Iraq fired three missiles at the Iranian capital bringing the total in eight days to 41.

He said the Iranian rocket landed in Baghdad, killing or wounding a number of civilians and destroying property, about half an hour after the last Iraqi missile was launched.

The (Iraqi) missiles were fired to avenge the innocent people killed by Iranian attacks on Baghdad and other Iraqi cities, the spokesman said.

## Blow

Iran, vowing to match Iraq blow for blow in the "war of the cities," has fired 16 missiles at Baghdad and four at the southern port city of Basra since last Monday.

Iraq has given no specific casualty figures but Iran says at least 230 of its people have been killed and 800 wounded in the latest round of tit-for-tat attacks on population centres.

Iraqi Labour Minister Bakr Mahmoud Rassoul told a conference of Arab labour ministers in Baghdad that Iran was to blame for the attacks.

He said Tehran wanted to "pave the way for its new offensive ... and to undermine UN Security Council resolution 598."

Iran began massing troops along the southern front late last year for an expected offensive against Basra, but no major operation has yet been launched.

Resolution 598, passed in July, orders a ceasefire in the 7-1/2-year Iran-Iraq war and the withdrawal of troops to internationally recognised boundaries.

## Raids

Iraq, which has accepted the resolution, says its attacks on Tehran are intended to force Iran to accept it too. Iran insists that Baghdad must first be identified as the aggressor.

Iraq said Iraq sparked the present round of raids by bombing a civilian area of Tehran on Feb. 27. Baghdad said the bombing was aimed at an oil refinery.

The Iraqi military spokesman said Iran was maintaining a heavy artillery bombardment of Basra and other border towns.

A number of civilians were killed or wounded and many houses, shops and cars were destroyed when Iranian rockets and long-range artillery shells landed in the city overnight and during the day," said.

He also said 14 Iranian boats attacked Iraq's disused oil terminal in the northern Gulf today, but were repelled by Iraqi defenders who sank four of the vessels.

Iraq said it shot down two Iraqi jets yesterday and captured



Police receiving a message from Farraj, who looks at securitymen (Inset) from the roof of his house. (Picture by Javed Baara)

## End of hostage drama

# Kuwaiti surrenders peacefully

By Lima Al Khalafawi

A KUWAITI, who held 15 members of his family hostage at gunpoint at his home in Firdous area, surrendered peacefully yesterday ending 72 hours of tension in this suburb.

Farraj, an employee at the Ministry of Communications in Shuwaikh, arrived at work on Saturday morning after firing shots at colleagues in his office.

Farraj waved a white flag of surrender from the roof of his house at 4.30 yesterday, walked

out of the front door of his house and shook hands with one of the policemen, who had kept an around-the-clock watch of the house.

Farraj was later admitted to the Psychiatric Hospital.

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## INTERNATIONAL

52 killed in three days of rebel attacks

## Sri Lankan troops replace Indians in Sinhalese villages

COLOMBO, March 7. (UPI): Hundreds of Sri Lankan troops today replaced Indian soldiers protecting ethnic Sinhalese villages in parts of eastern province, after 52 people were killed in three days of Tamil rebels attacks, the military said.

Brig. Denzil Kobbekaduwa said about 1,000 Sri Lankan soldiers were deployed yesterday along the main road linking the port of Trincomalee with towns in the interior of the province.

Speaking by telephone from Trincomalee, 150 miles (240 km) northeast of Colombo, Kobbekaduwa said that troops would be reinforced later in the week and their area of operations extended.

The move is part of a plan aimed at coaxing home some 40,000 Sinhalese villagers who fled a wave of Tamil rebel attacks

beginning last September and have balked at returning because of a lack of confidence in Indian troops.

Indian forces were deployed in Tamil-dominated eastern and northern provinces under a July 29 Indo-Sri Lankan accord aimed at ending the island's civil war, and were obliged by the pact to disarm guerrillas of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which has rejected the peace plan.

The accord required Sri Lankan forces — dominated by the majority Buddhist Sinhalese ethnic community — to return to their barracks in Tamil areas.

But to persuade Sinhalese refugees to return to their homes, New Delhi and Colombo agreed in January to replace Indian troops with Sri Lankan soldiers in Trincomalee district's Sin-

halese areas.

A Defence Ministry official said the government informed India yesterday that it was implementing the plan following three days of LTTE attacks on Sinhalese that left 52 people dead, including 27 in a landmine blast on Saturday.

## Provision

The attacks were apparently aimed at thwarting the return of the refugees, which must be completed before implementation of the accord's provision requiring an election of an administration for a province to be formed by merging northern and eastern districts.

The new province would be Tamil-dominated and given some autonomy from the Sinhalese-controlled central government to meet Tamil demands

for an independent nation.

In New Delhi, Minister of State for External Affairs Narayan Singh reiterated to parliament a rejection of an LTTE offer for a truce and negotiations if India withdraws most of its troops. He repeated the LTTE must disarm and endorse the peace plan before talks can be held.

The LTTE is the only one of five militant Tamil organisations still fighting for the independent nation they say the island's mostly Hindu Tamil minority requires to escape years of discrimination by the Sinhalese.

In the eastern province capital of Batticaloa, 150 miles (240 km) east of Colombo, 58-year-old Annamma David, began the 17th day of a "fast unto death" launched to press India to agree to the LTTE's offer.



A Tibetan monk along with other Tibetans trying to break a police cordon, in New Delhi, during protests against the recent crackdown in Lhasa by Chinese government. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Nine killed in Tibet unrest

## Police seal off Lhasa

BEIJING, March 7. (Agencies): Up to nine people have been killed in renewed unrest in Tibet, embarrassing China at a time when Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian is visiting the United States. Western diplomats said today.

Armed police have sealed off the centre of Lhasa and arrested dozens of people in a security crackdown, sources in Lhasa said today.

The diplomat said the violence could lead to a toughening of China's policies in the remote region, scene of sporadic outbursts of pro-independence violence. At least six people were killed last October in riots.

"This obviously is a loss of face," said a western diplomat in Beijing. "It is an embarrassment to China."

That view was echoed by other envoys in the Chinese capital.

"It will complicate Wu's visit," said a US diplomat.

Wu arrived in Washington yesterday for talks with President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz.

**Restored**

Westerners returning to Peking from Lhasa last night said thousands of Tibetans attacked cars, threw stones at police and scuffled with Chinese journalists covering a holy Buddhist festival.

They said police used teargas to disperse rioters and gunfire was heard after dark.

The official New China News Agency said one policeman was thrown to his death from a window after demonstrators stormed a building where he was

## Panamanian opposition to support Delvalle

PANAMA CITY, March 7. (Reuter): Panama's opposition parties and civil resistance groups are ready for the first time to support ousted President Eric Arturo Delvalle in a united front against military strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega, opposition leaders said today.

Civic Crusade leader Aurelio Barria told reporters an announcement would be made on a new coalition "to fight for the restoration of democracy in Panama."

It will be the first time the ousted President will have won backing from the opposition.

## Forcibly

The final details of the pact are being worked out in negotiations between the crusade, a coalition of about 200 business and labour groups, and opposition parties.

It comes after Panama's 117 banks were forcibly closed by action in the US courts freezing dollar transfers to the Panamanian Central Bank. This was expected to cause severe strains on the financial system this week with Panamanians unable to draw cash to buy food and other essentials.

In Washington, US Vice-President George Bush has suggested the possibility of seizing Noriega to face US drug trafficking charges, but stopped short of advocating such a move.

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## Pending

The agreement is contingent on Delvalle accepting the Crusade's own programmes for restoring democracy, he said. This is believed to mean that should Noriega step down, Delvalle would head only an interim government pending free elections.

The Crusade has fought a largely ineffective eight-month campaign to oust Noriega, who has been indicted in Florida on drug trafficking and corruption charges.

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## Opposition protests Rajiv's move

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Power-sharing

PARIS, March 7. (Reuter): French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac yesterday ruled out a new era of power-sharing between a socialist president and a conservative government after this year's presidential election.

His comments put an end to a controversy in the ranks of France's



Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad opening the meeting.

## Science club moves to new premises

KUWAIT Science Club moved to their new premises yesterday with a ceremony honouring the Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti.

The Communications Minister and chairman of the club Abdullah Al Sharhan, speaking at the ceremony, expressed his appreciation for the support given by HH the Amir and HH

the Crown Prince and Prime Minister to the club.

Al Houti expressed his appreciation to club officials for their efforts in the interest of the country and their help with the development of the talents of children.

Al Sharhan presented Al Houti and other club officials with commemorative plaques.



Kuwait's Communication Minister and chairman of Kuwait Science Club presents Al Houti (right) with a commemorative plaque as the club celebrates the move to its new premises.

## Advertising agency wins highest billing

MADCO Bahrain, a member of the Madco Group Advertising/Marketing, has been recognised for the second year in a row as the advertising agency with the highest billing on Bahrain TV in 1987.

Mr Burhan S. Beidas, the managing partner of the Madco Group, congratulated the man-

agement and staff of Madco Bahrain on their achievement.

The news of Madco Bahrain's winning performance comes in a year that the Madco Group Advertising/Marketing celebrates 20 successful years in the Middle East.

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## Isbo meeting opens

# Confront Zionist propaganda, urges information minister

THE 8th general assembly for the Islamic Broadcasting Organisation (Isbo) opened its three-day meetings yesterday under the auspices of Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad, in the attendance of Social Affairs and Labour Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, members of the participating delegations and other ranking officials.

Sheikh Jaber, who was delegated by HH the Amir to patronise the meetings, welcomed the participants, expressing Kuwait's happiness to host this gathering.

### Repression

Addressing the conference, the information minister expressed his country's readiness to continue its efforts towards restoring occupied Palestine and ending the Iraq-Iran war.

In the field of information, Sheikh Jaber recalled two sections of the resolutions passed by the fifth Islamic summit held early last year in Kuwait, namely implementing the information

plan to confront anti-Islamic Zionist and foreign propaganda and set up an information strategy which displays the various aspects of life in the Islamic world.

In another address, chairman of Isbo's executive council Fouad Al Farsi expressed his thanks to the state of Kuwait, for hosting and patronising these meetings. He also thanked the information minister and other ministry officials for the efforts they exerted to bring these meetings to success.

Al Farsi noted that the information has become the trait of this era, "through which we can spread the word of Allah (God), back the Islamic call and confront atheist propaganda against our Islamic values and belief."

He called on member states to contribute with all its information potentials to support the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories which faces the most vicious kinds of repression at the hands of the Israeli government.

He said that the organisation has realised several accomplishments and produced hundreds of television and radio programmes, noting that Isbo is still eager to take bigger strides despite the financial hardships it undergoes.

The Isbo official said that Israel has unveiled its "real ugly face" to the world, indicating that all of Nazism's misdeeds do not even approach Israeli tyranny and arrogance.

He proposed that the final communiqué of these meetings includes sending a cable of thanks to H.H. the Amir of Kuwait, a salute to the Palestinian people for its sacrifices and finally directing a call to the Islamic world to work for a speedy halt to the Iraq-Iran war through the implementation of security Council resolution 598.

### Ideal

Ahmed Farraj, Isbo's secretary general affirmed that the mass media has become an ideal means in boosting Islamic solidarity and defending Islamic causes, indicating that time is ripe to set up a new Islamic information system within the framework of the awaited first conference for Islamic foreign ministers.

He said that the organisation has realised several accomplishments and produced hundreds of television and radio programmes, noting that Isbo is still eager to take bigger strides despite the financial hardships it undergoes.

Meanwhile the executive council of the Isbo endorsed a programme for teaching the Arabic language for non-Arabs.

Ahmed Farraj said upon the conclusion of the final meeting for the council yesterday it decided that member states which co-finance the programme comprising 135 television episodes, receive free copies of the programme.

Farraj added, in a statement to Kuna, that countries not able to purchase the programme which will be in French and English, will be given copies of it.

He indicated that the council, which meets on an annual basis, reviewed the fiscal report and urged members to pay their overdue obligations for the organisation, noting that a special committee comprising Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the secretary general will be formed to visit Isbo members for this purpose.

## Concern over children wasting their time

IN spite of the economic slump in Kuwait which began in 1982, the import of toys has not decreased. And there has been some concern expressed that children in Kuwait spent a disproportionate amount of time playing with toys rather than reading.

The director of Public Relations at the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters, Salwa Al Kuhaim said the council had played a significant role in attempting to balance the time children spent with books and toys.

She said the council used to organise an annual book and toy fair with books displayed for a wide range of ages and interests. She encouraged parents to

### Justice ministers conference to be held on schedule

MOHAMMAD Hamad Al Roumi, the chairman of the Information and Public Relations Committee for Arab Justice Ministers, said the justice ministers' conference would be held as scheduled from April 2 to 5 and that preparations were underway to ensure the success of the conference.

He said a committee had visited the Kuwait Conference Centre, the venue of the opening session, to check that equipment was ready to telecast the event.

Al Roumi said the secretary-general of the Council of Arab Justice Ministers, Mohammad Meeko would be the official spokesman for the conference and that an information committee would issue daily press releases summarising conference discussion.

He added that a budget had been established to cover the expenses of the conference in the most cost-efficient manner.

### KPTC caravan for Makkah

A CARAVAN of luxury air-conditioned buses will leave next Monday for Saudi Arabia carrying pilgrims from Kuwait to Makkah on March 16 marking the holy occasion of Prophet Mohammad's journey to heaven.

The caravan has been organised by the Kuwait Public Transport Company at the request of many people who are intending to perform their Omra in Makkah on March 16 marking the holy occasion of Prophet Mohammad's journey to heaven.

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## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### War of annihilation

A KUWAITI newspaper yesterday warned against the dangers of the expansion of the Iran-Iraq war, which is currently in its 8th year.

In an editorial, Al Ral Al Aam newspaper said the war of cities between Iran and Iraq which was renewed last week constitutes the deterioration and the disaster the conflict has gone through because it changed from a military conflict "to a war of annihilation against civilians in the two Muslim countries."

The newspaper criticised the two superpowers for working to prolong the war and stressed that the time is ripe to stop the bleeding.

### Shultz's peace efforts

AL ANBA newspaper expressed doubt over the US Secretary of State George Shultz's efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East, saying that the recent visit of Shultz to the region indicates that the US policy is in "real trouble."

Editorially, the paper said that the shuttle trip of Shultz means that the US administration is more aware than Israel of the dangers of the continuation of the current Palestinian uprising.

Shultz's return to the region for the second time means that his first visit was a failure, Al Anbaa said, adding that his return aimed at saving his country's credibility.

The daily pointed out that the United States is trying its best to abort the uprising, but asserted that this time it's not easy as it used to be, and Israel has to pay dearly in order to halt the revolution.

It noted that Washington is well aware that the continuation of the uprising as the result of Israeli atrocities will anger the US and world public opinion and will reduce US and European Jewish aid to Israel.

The daily, however, affirmed that Israel is a symbol of savage repression against children and elderly.

Therefore, the paper insisted that any resolution to solve the Mideast crisis will not be "effective" unless it is accepted by the Palestinian people, and Washington should get ready to sit at a negotiation table with the Palestinians.

## Road safety society discusses role of TV

### KUWAIT Road Safety Society

discusses role of TV

YASEEN recommended that a joint committee with representatives from information and traffic fields be formed to select the best material and programmes for use in a nation-wide traffic awareness campaign.

The society's Chairman Sabah Al Rayes said the government spends a total of KD16 million annually for damage caused by traffic accidents and stressed the role the audio-visual media played in addressing this problem.

### Agriculture and food exhibition

#### Fire at Fahheel industrial area

TWO shops in the Fahheel Industrial Area caught fire yesterday with extensive damage to the shops reported.

Two cars, parked beside the shops, were also damaged by the fire before it

was brought under control by the Fahheel Fire Department.

The exhibition will be open until March 18 from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 8 pm.

### Rashed Al Othman resigns

SHEIKH Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah, the chairman of the Board of Directors and Director General of Kuwait's Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, said the 6th Agricultural and Foods Exhibition will be opened at the Mishref Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 12.

A ministerial decision was issued on Sunday, stating that the outgoing director general would be given a three-month vacation beginning March 15.

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We are alive and kicking: Herter

## AUB seeks Gulf assistance

By Jadranka Porter

THE American University of Beirut, which has lived and operated for 12 years amidst the destruction unleashed by the civil war in Lebanon has emerged with a renewed determination to succeed in a situation where survival itself is a major success. This determination and resilience were much in evidence during a visit to Kuwait by a delegation from the university at the AUB's regional importance.

"We are here to let people know that we are well, alive and kicking" said Frederic Herter, the AUB president based in New York. He was accompanied by Dr Ibrahim Salti the AUB deputy president with the office in Beirut. The delegation is on a Gulf tour which also took them to Bahrain, Qatar and the UAE. In Kuwait the delegation, which met with the acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and several ministers, is exploring whether some tangible connections can be established between the Kuwait University, the government and the AUB.

**Mixture**  
The AUB has extensive joint programmes with institutes in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

The story of the AUB is a peculiar mixture of suffering and triumph. "The fact that it is alive is nothing short of a miracle" said Herter referring to perils of the civil war, Israeli invasion as well as the collapse of the Lebanese economy. The AUB staff has fought a heroic struggle to survive and to offer high standard services to the population of Beirut.

There are some deep wounds. Although the university has physically been untouched by fighting it had its share of kidnappings. Two of its staff, both Americans are still in captivity.



Frederic Herter

The US embargo on travel to Lebanon meant that the American faculty left Beirut and the university has difficulties recruiting on the international market despite the fact that there are lecturers anxious to join the AUB. The Western governments take a dim view of letting their citizens travel to Lebanon, said Herter. The AUB has currently a faculty of 400 and the standard of teaching is not as it used to be, Herter says.

**Collapse**

The major problem now facing the university is the collapse of the Lebanese economy rather than a lack of security. "Syria has provided effective protection in West Beirut. Last year there was a total absence of the breach of security in West Beirut," he said pointing out that economic hardships are the prime reason why the university has been losing senior faculty members. The university has been trying to meet the inflation rate but is still running behind its target.

On the other hand there are signs that the university is flourishing.

"It is the best and cheapest university we have," said Herter. He said that the university has support among all the factions in Beirut and the campus has been saved from any attacks.

**Hospital**

Eight thousand students applied for admission for the current academic year while there were only 800 positions. The AUB currently has 5,500 students, 90 percent of whom are Lebanese, a far cry from the situation in the 1970s when fifty per cent of students were foreigners.

Dr Ibrahim Salti said the University is committed to running the 400-bed hospital which gives excellent medical care. The hospital has treated 70,000 war casualties and has offered treatment to all irrespective of whether they can pay or not, said Salti.

**Terrorism**

The AUB is in dire need of funds and a decision has been made to raise the tuition fees to beef up the university finances. Student's tuition fees amount only to four percent of the cost of education while in other institutes they cover 50 percent.

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Ibrahim Salti

completely guard against terrorism, says Herter. The fighting is still going on and the economy is in shambles. But Herter is looking at the institute's history in search for the clues to its survival. The 122-year-old university has experienced turbulent times before its latest crisis.

What helped it before and is helping it now is that it remained a "fearlessly independent" institute, said Herter.

**Symbol**

The AUB does not represent the US government, it does not represent the Lebanese government. It is non-political persuasions and of all religious faiths. We are resisting factional divisions. The university stands as a symbol of unity," said Herter.

Looking into the future Herter can discern some hopeful developments. "People of Lebanon are desperately tired and they want a change. There is a sense of optimism that the restoration of the government authority and unity is in the offing" he said.

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## KPC allocates KD 12m for training

MAHMOUD Al Yahya, the Assistant Managing Director of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) for Training Affairs, said KPC had allocated KD12 million for training and development of staff during the current fiscal year.

He added that all training activities at local companies are now handled by one central training department under the administration of KPC. He said that about 3,000 employees were expected to benefit from the courses during the present Five Year Plan.

About 7,000 Kuwaitis work in the oil sector, he said, forming 44 percent of the total staff of 15,600.

Al Yahya explained that all manpower needs of the oil sector were covered by Kuwaiti employees in the last five years. He added that non-Kuwaitis were also appointed for specialized jobs requiring expertise. Kuwaitis replace non-Kuwaitis after training them for their jobs, he said.

The AUB has important joint programmes with the Gulf states. It has engineered the merger of Bahrain's Gulf Polytechnic and the University College of Bahrain which are now known as the University of Bahrain. The AUB experts are revising the operation of the health science school in the UAE and are assisting in the making. In Saudi Arabia the AUB is assisting with the colleges of agriculture and health sciences.

The AUB believes that the Gulf states can be of assistance by attracting the expatriate faculty, which the AUB can "borrow" from time to time. "Kuwait and the other Gulf states can get the prime use of these experts and we can have them on a block basis" said Herter.

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## Municipality selects 13 sites for bachelors

factors.

The study resulted in recommendations based on projected needs up to the year 2015, with a two-stage implementation.

Abdul Razzak said that alternative housing areas could be provided for about 36,000 workers between the years 1988 and 2000 and by 2015 housing could be secured for about 116,000.

**Mosque**  
He explained that each building in the bachelor areas would consist of two storeys to accommodate a maximum of 100 workers, with two to four men per room. He said that each building would include all necessary facilities.

Each area will have a mosque to be built according to specifica-

tions of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, he said, adding that restaurants, super markets and meat shops would also be built in each area.

Abdul Razzak said the first stage includes designated areas in Amghara, South Sabahiyah, Wafra, Mina Abdulla, South Riqaq, South Rabiya and Mabrouh.

The second stage, he said, would include areas in Sabiya, Khairan, the First North Industrial Area, South Sulaihiyah, South Jahra and West Mina Abdullah.

Each "bachelor city" located near model areas will have populations not to exceed 5,000 and cities located in remote areas will have a capacity of 40,000.



British parliamentarians in discussions with the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed.

## Soviets may agree to arms embargo on Iran

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to the parliament for discussion.

In Kuwait they met the acting Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi, and the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed.

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He praised the British programme for technical aid within which the British government participates in some important projects in the sultanate.

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# Jagjit Singh looks up and up ...

By Fathima Ahmed

INDIAN ghazal singer Jagjit Singh's career graph has been steadily rising since the early 1970s. For the singer it is yet to "peak."

The man is a realist. "A graph can't always go up and up. It goes up and then declines. No one can stay on top forever." This outlook seems to drive the man to score enough points to remain on top for a longer time than his competitors.

Jagjit's strategy is clear. Well aware of the "limited audience for classical music" he experimented, blended and created music that appeals to the man on the street. It paid rich dividends. His first record "The Unforgetables" became the largest selling disc as Jagjit puts it: "It made history in the field of non-film music."

## System

Time was also on his side. Jagjit Singh came on the scene when the quality of film music, the most popular in India, was on the decline. "I filled a vacuum," he says with a wistful look in his eyes.

Jagjit believes in "doing his job." He has done his job well. He has also cashed in on the frailties of the system in which he operates and took advantage of every opportunity that



Jagjit Singh: creative

came his way. His rise was gradual and like a good planner he saw the need for catering to the music-starved multitudes. Demand grew. But the quality declined. Not of Jagjit's music, though. Many ghazal singers came on the scene cashing in on the renaissance of the ghazal.

"No one objects to the deterioration in the quality of ghazal singing," he moans.

Will the quality improve?

"Yes, it could. Urdu literary

singers must try to uplift the

quality of verse and music," he

stresses.

When Jagjit is on the stage he caters to "every whim of the men and women in the

audience, trying to maintain and retain audience rapport."

When he is recording, Jagjit is his "own master." The singer is tired of the "present trend of demand for sharab (wine) and shabab (women) type of music." In other words, lewd music becomes popular. There are certain ghazals that cannot be sung at a concert attended by families, he says. And at concerts where lascivious music is played it "becomes impossible to maintain discipline" he adds.

## Music

Jagjit Singh steers, or at least tries to, clear of such type of music. He picks and chooses the verse of poets — old and new — and composes "soft, soothing music." Though reluctant to name his favourite contemporary poets, he rattles off the names of Qatil Shifai, Muzaaffar Warsi and Rida Fadli as some of the men who write for him.

His music is gentle and calm perhaps because the composer in him dislikes "shril notes and shouting." So far, he has managed to avoid singing "loud music," a reference to pop and disco sounds.

Though he encourages new, upcoming talent, Jagjit sees to be way of the new generation of ghazal singers.

"They don't want to learn.

They seek quick fame and want

to make a fast buck. They'll fade as quickly as they come," he prophesies.

A versatile composer and a trained musician, Jagjit feels it is "very important to study classical music." He seems to be a little overawed by all the attention he is getting and doesn't believe he is "very ambitious" and says he goes through phases of creativity and emptiness.

## Phase

"At the moment I am going through a blank phase. I am contemplating, experimenting and trying out sounds," he says.

His career, though, is not so blank. He is currently composing music for a 16 part TV serial on the life of the noted Urdu poet Mirza Ghalib. Naseeruddin Shah plays the title role in the serial, which will be ready for release by May this year. Jagjit is the "voice of Ghalib." In between this assignment, he is also composing music for films ("composing film music is a side business"). And when he has got his act together Jagjit will record a video "to interpret the ghazal."

The ghazal singer admits fame, wealth and prosperity have robbed him of "some of my creativity." And as an afterthought he adds: "Money is necessary to bring my type of music to the people."

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

2.15 Holy Quran  
2.30 World News via Satellite  
3.30 Ibtal Al Mu'laeb: cartoon serial  
4.00 News Summary  
4.05 World News via satellite  
4.15 Ghadeb Al Sahra: new daily serial, featuring Sahar Rami, Abdul Rahman Al Rish, Talhah Hamdi.  
5.15 Al Manahil: children's serial, starring Ahmad Qaswadi, Tayseer Atiya  
5.45 You and Your Health: local programme, hosted by Dr Rashed Al Owaish.  
6.50 News Summary  
6.55 Afqa Al Fann: presented by Abdul Rasool Salman.  
7.25 Animal World: "In the Indian Ocean."  
8.00 Hadith Al Usbooh: religious talk by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar.  
8.15 Good Evening and Local News  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Pages from the History of Kuwait: prepared and presented by Saif Marzouk Al Shamlan.



Saif Marzouk Al Shamlan presents Pages from the History of Kuwait, at 9.50 pm on KTV 1

## KTV 2

2.30 Opening and Holy Quran.  
2.38 Cartoons.  
2.46 Rainbow Brite.  
3.08 Report on Gulf Championships.  
3.55 Football: Qatar vs UAE.  
5.55 Iraq vs Kuwait.  
8.00 News in English.  
8.40 You and the Law: a local programme.  
8.50 Heart of the City: "Rock and Rumble." A policeman kills a member of a notorious gang.  
9.40 Omni: Peter Ustinov presents this half-hour programme on topical events.  
10.00 Tracey Ullman Show: a 30-minute comedy featuring short sketches, including Meg's Shower.  
10.30 Feature Film: "Like Father and Son." A negro orphan is rescued by a white man, who helps the child find his family.  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Tracey Ullman returns with more comedy in tonight's show on KTV 2.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## English

MORNING  
08.00 Opening  
08.02 Songs and Music  
08.20 Songs and Music  
08.40 NEWS  
08.40 Songs and Music  
08.45 Daily Programme  
09.00 Songs and Music  
09.30 They Sold A Million  
10.00 Our Press Today  
10.05 Songs and Music  
11.00 Closedown  
13.30 NEWS ON FM Service

21.00 Opening  
21.02 In The Latin Mood  
21.30 NEWS  
21.45 Point of View  
22.00 Songs and Music  
22.15 In the Groove  
22.45 Daily Programme  
23.00 Hit Special  
23.30 Jazz in Action  
24.00 Closedown

04.00 Newsdesk  
04.15 Reflections  
04.20 Financial News  
05.00 World News  
05.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
05.30 New Ideas  
06.00 Turning Over New Leaves (ex 29th The Wondrous Cross contd.)  
06.15 The World Today  
06.00 Newsdesk  
06.30 Rock Salad  
07.00 World News  
07.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
07.30 The Undiscovered Promise (ex 29th)  
08.00 Network UK  
08.00 World News  
08.09 Reflections  
08.15 Health Matters (ex 29th Tech Talk)  
08.30 Music on Record  
09.00 World News  
09.15 British Press Review  
15.00 The World Today  
30. Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Capriccio (ex 29th The Seven Ages of Man)  
10.00 News Summary followed by Discovery  
30 Sports International  
11.00 World News  
09. News about Britain  
15. Waveguide (ex 29th The Wondrous Cross contd.)  
30. Children  
12.00 Radio Newsdesk  
15. Multibank 1: Top 20  
45 Sports Roundup

## BBC World Services

0000 Newsdesk  
00.15 News about Britain  
00.30 Radio Record  
01.00 News Summary followed by Outbreak  
30 Short Story  
45 The Undiscovered Promise (ex 29th)  
02.00 World News  
02.09 Commentary  
15. News about Britain  
03.00 World News  
09. News about Britain  
15. The World Today  
30 John Peel

## FM Services

0800 Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1330 News  
1340 Easy Listening  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Italian Hour  
1800 Pops  
2130 News  
2145 Pops  
2200 Indian Classical Hour  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Listening

## Urdu

1900 Opening  
1910 Behzreen Qasid  
1920 Songs  
1935 Press Report  
1940 Radio Club  
2000 News  
2015 Asaj ka Intikhab  
2020 Jahan Nama  
2100 Closedown

## NIGHT CHEMIST

## Kuwait

Al Ghanem Pharmacy  
nr. Carlton, Fahd Al Salem St.  
Al Kawther Pharmacy  
Abdullah Al Mubarak St.

## Hawalli and Nugraha

Al Hawalli Pharmacy  
Tunis St.

## Salmiya and Rumaithiya

Al Rashed Pharmacy  
Amman St.

## Fahabeel and Ahmad

Al Badiyah Pharmacy

## Mohammad Jassim Dabbous

Bldg. Dabbous St., F'heel

## Jleeb Al Shiyookh

Al Salamah Pharmacy

## Block 3, Main St.

## Jahra

Al Zahra Pharmacy

## New Souk

## CINEMA TODAY

## Al Andalus

Al Maraat Wal Kanoon (Arabic)

## Starring: Shirhan, Farouk, Fishawi, Majeda

## Al Samiya

Jumping Jack Flash

## Starring: Whoopi Goldberg

## Al Hamra

The Highest Honour

## Starring: John Howard

## Drive-In

Al Rajui Yahub Marratian (Arabic)

## Starring: Mahmoud Abdul Aziz, Shabira, Laila Alwi, Hala Sudqi, Waheed Saif

## Al Firdous

Dilruba Tangewali (Hindi)

## Starring: Hemant Birje, Sripad, Krishna, Deva, Pran

## Fahabeel Open-Air

Nejmak Halal (Hindi)

## Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Shashi Kapoor

## PRAYERS

Fajr 4.46 am

Zuhra 11.59

Azr 3.21 pm

Maghreb 5.53

Isha 7.09

## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

We have 40 million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse — Rudyard Kipling, English writer (1865-1936).

Afghan war brought US, Pakistan closer

## Soviet pullout could loosen ties

By Sheila Teff

ISLAMABAD: Pakistanis are increasingly wondering whether close links with the United States, forged by the Afghanistan war, will survive in times of peace.

Many analysts predict that the complex web of ties spun since the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan will loosen and begin to unravel with the growing likelihood of a Soviet pullout.

"Pakistan and American relations have been propped up by Afghanistan," says Mushahid Hussain, an Islamabad commentator and frequent critic of Pakistan's government. In Hussain's eyes: "It is not an enduring relationship."

Foreign observers and Pakistani analysts expect an Afghan settlement to give impetus to South Asia's shifting order, and trigger new superpower jockeying on the subcontinent.

**Worry**

A source of concern here is the possibility that the US might reduce military aid, which rose dramatically in response to the perceived Soviet threat. Such a move would lower tensions between the US and Pakistan's arch rival, India, foreign observers say.

At the same time, Pakistani analysts add, it could clear the way for better ties to Moscow.

"Pakistan can't afford to be isolated in a region where Iran, China, and India are all enjoying better relations with the Soviets," says Shazia Pirzada, Soviet specialist at Islamabad's Institute of Strategic Studies.

But officials worry that US concerns about Pakistan's nuclear programme, overshadowed by the Afghan conflict, will resurface. Likewise, anti-US fervour, which has been dampened by mutual opposition to the Soviets, could revive.

Pakistanis appear to feel increasingly caught in the superpowers' diplomatic crossfire.

"There is the feeling of why should we pay for the sins of the Soviets and the ambitions of the Americans," says Hussain. The country shelters more than three million Afghan refugees and is the conduit for foreign aid to Afghan guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul regime.

Still, there are pressures for maintaining strong US-Pakistani ties. The recent approval of a \$4.2 billion aid package, despite controversy and budget constraints, shows the South Asian nation has more friends in the US Congress than some thought, observers here say.

In addition, American officials appear to recognise Pakistan's significance as a friendly force.

"There is a growing appreciation in Washington that Pakistan has an importance that doesn't have anything to do with Afghanistan," says a senior diplomat in the Pakistani capital. "They are close friends in a region where the United States doesn't have a lot of friends."

US officials have glowingly endorsed the country's tentative moves toward democracy by

Pakistan's President Mohamed Zia-ul-Haq in recent years. But many critics say the general, who took power in a 1977 coup, would not have survived as long as he has without American backing.

**Aid**

But it is not only the country's powerful military that will continue to favour sophisticated Western military equipment and ties. Many civilians are proud of the military aid which they feel has given Pakistan a measure of parity with India. Like emblems of national pride, pictures of US F-16 fighter aircraft adorn the sides of trucks and buses throughout the country.

"We may not always like the Americans," says one businessman, "but with their help we've made the Indians nervous."

But mention of the US still brings fire to the eyes of militant Muslims. There are fears that, in the negotiations over a new government in Afghanistan, the US will push for more moderate forces over Islamic leaders. Some Pakistanis suspect the US will agree to a Soviet pullout and end aid to the Afghan guerrillas to further East-West relations, leaving Pakistan and Afghanistan to suffer from the resulting chaos.

**Deprive**

"The Americans supported the Islamic Afghan resistance because they had to," says Raja Aziz, an analyst at the Institute of Policy Studies in Islamabad. "But America does not want to see an Islamic Afghanistan. They want to deprive the Afghans of the fruits of the struggle."

Friction over Pakistan's nuclear ambitions also could flare once Afghanistan is settled. Despite growing evidence that Pakistan is using stolen Western technology to build a nuclear weapons programme, the US Congress has repeatedly set aside its worries to endorse new aid.

But if the war ends, so could American patience.

Indian officials, who charge that Pakistan is developing nuclear weapons, say the US will show its true colours on nuclear proliferation and arming Pakistan when the Afghanistan war ends.

"The United States will have more influence on Pakistan than before," says an Indian diplomat. "Continuing economic aid to Pakistan is not the problem. The problem is the type of military aid." However, India itself exploded a nuclear device in 1974 and is suspected of already having a weapons development programme in place.

US officials are still peeved by India's refusal to join United Nations' condemnations of the Soviet role in Afghanistan. But in recent years, Washington has tried to counter Moscow's role as ally and arms supplier to India. The US is now boosting Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's modernisation plans by supplying Western technology, including military know-how.

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## A treacherous path ahead

## Nato summit ignored the problems

By Robert Burns

BRUSSELS, Belgium, (AP): US and its North Atlantic allies have reaffirmed their 39-year-old partnership and celebrated its past success. The future for Nato, however, looks cluttered with problems.

At the conclusion last week of their first summit meeting in six years, leaders of the 16 allied nations reaffirmed the goals and principles of the North Atlantic treaty signed in April 1949 to protect Western democracies from a perceived military threat from the Soviet Union.

They said the military aim of the alliance was to prevent war, the top political goal, to preserve freedom and achieve a just order in Europe.

US President Ronald Reagan and the leaders of Canada and 14 West European countries gave themselves a happy slap on the back for having persuaded the

Soviet Union to eliminate all intermediate-range nuclear missiles. They called the INF Treaty, signed last December, a milestone.

They also declared that Nato's policy of maintaining a full range of nuclear weapons had kept the peace in Europe for nearly four decades. They said nuclear arms, and US troops, must remain in Europe.

## Success

The public message of the Brussels summit was that Nato has been a success. What's less clear is how the alliance will fare in the future.

Among the chief problems, most of which were largely ignored at the summit:

● How to adjust the trans-Atlantic partnership to account for the waning economic predominance of the United States and meet Washington's demand that the European Nato

members do more for the collective defence.

The catch-phrase is "burden sharing." Many Americans think they bear too much of it. Europeans generally agree they should pay more, but their governments are restricted by two things: the traditional European priority for social spending and persistent weak growth of their economies.

## ● How to extend the common defence framework beyond the North Atlantic area to regions where the West's security interests appear more directly threatened, such as the Gulf.

The Reagan administration has said recently that Nato must look beyond its own backyard to confront security challenges in other parts of the world. The Europeans, however, fear this could weaken their domestic defence and erode public support for the Western alliance.

## ● Whether to extend the common defence framework beyond the North Atlantic area to regions where the West's security interests appear more directly threatened, such as the Gulf.

The Brussels summit declaration made a veiled reference to this in a passage that said an increasingly united Europe was vital to North American security.

"We therefore welcome recent efforts to reinforce the European pillar of the alliance, intended to

strengthen the trans-Atlantic partnership and alliance security as a whole," the declaration said.

Efforts to increase European defence cooperation are expected to speed up, while continuing to raise troubling questions about the US role.

"Europe can never be independent; we have accepted the nuclear protection of the United States," said Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, the Netherlands' Ambassador to Nato headquarters, in a recent interview. "There is no question of Europe having its own nuclear deterrent."

## Concerns

France and West Germany in January established a joint military brigade. Some, including Britain and Italy, have expressed concern that the Bonn-Paris axis could be the start of a European defence outside Nato.

The Reagan administration

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**Debater**

A Vietnam war veteran and former journalist, Gore is a quick-witted speaker and sharp debater.

Asked about his often tart criticism of his rivals, he quotes Democratic president Harry Truman.

"As Harry Truman said, I don't give them hell, they just think I do."

But there is a softer side to Gore, who successfully pushed through Congress legislation setting up a system for matching potential organ transplant candidates with donors.

He is a graduate of Washington's exclusive St Albans Academy, which he attended while his father, Albert Sr represented Tennessee in the Senate, and elite Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Jackson, a South Carolina

native, has reminded voters of Gore's suspect roots — noting in a recent debate that he was the only candidate who had graduated from southern schools.

## Young

And despite 11 years in Congress, eight of them in the House, and a reputation as an arms control expert, many Americans think Gore is simply too young

for the job.

"I like young Gore," said one young man here for Gore's appearance at a breakfast meeting. "I think he'd make a good vice president."

That is another dilemma — convincing people he is not really after the second spot on the Democratic ticket.

At a fund-raising breakfast

here, A.L. Philpot, speaking of the Virginia House of Representa-

tives, endorsed the Tennessee senator. But he implied he would be satisfied if Gore won either spot on the Democratic ticket.

**Super Tuesday pre-election polls at a glance**

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): Democrats in 20 states and Republicans in 17 states will vote for their choice for the presidential nomination on "Super Tuesday," (today), the biggest one-day series of pre-election voting contests in US history.

At a glance, here's what is at stake:

## Republicans

**CANDIDATES:** George Bush, Vice-President and front-runner of rolls in the southern-dominated races; Robert Dole, Senate Republican leader fighting to stay in contention; Pat Robertson, former TV evangelist leading big outpouring of religious followers to be a contender; Jack Kemp, New York Congressman who might drop out unless he scores upset wins.

At stake: Republicans will nominate their presidential candidate at the Republican convention in New Orleans, starting August 15.

It will require 1,139 delegate votes to win, a majority of the 2,272 delegates.

On Super Tuesday, Republicans will select 753 delegates, about 33 percent of all delegates and 66 percent of the number needed to win.

## Democrats

**CANDIDATES:** Michael Dukakis, Massachusetts governor, showing well in some polls in the south. Jesse Jackson, civil rights leader and only black, expected to make big surge in south among blacks; Richard Gephardt, Missouri Congressman hopes populist message will win in south. Albert Gore, Tennessee senator needs big victories in his native south to be viable.

Paul Simon, Illinois senator who dropped out of active Super Tuesday campaigning; Gary Hart, running token campaign after poor starts in earlier races.

At stake: Democrats will pick their nominee at the Atlanta convention starting on July 18. It will require 2,082 out of the 4,162 total delegates to win.

On Super Tuesday, 1,307 delegates will be chosen, more than 31 percent of the total Atlanta delegates, or nearly 63 percent of the majority needed to win.

## Mubarak in advantageous position to mediate

By Kirk J. Beattie

have prudently chosen to end their ostracism of Egypt. Mubarak is thus left in a critical mediating position between Arabs and Israelis, a position enhanced by his sound relations with the US and the Soviet Union.

Years of quiet diplomacy, underpinned by Egypt's demographic and military weight, abandonment of Sadat's vitriolic attacks on the Arab brethren, undemanding assistance to Iraq, and a great amount of patience, have yielded impressive payoffs in the international arena and returned Egypt to its traditional, potentially pivotal role in regional affairs.

## Challenge

Gulf Arabs and moderate Israelis have begun now to pin their hopes for a renewal of the Arab-Israeli peace process on Egyptian diplomacy.

Yet, if Mubarak's star has ascended in foreign affairs, the

same cannot be said of his position on the domestic scene. He finds himself hamstrung by the powerful challenge of a wide array of Islamic fundamentalist groups.

Given Egypt's chronic economic difficulties and Western creditor pressure to curtail government subsidies on many basic commodities, Egyptians have lived for several years in constant anticipation of an economically induced social explosion that could be exploited by Islamic militants to initiate a revolutionary thrust. The same internal threat makes it highly unlikely that Mubarak would overtly provide military troop assistance to the Gulf countries or Iraq.

The fundamentalist challenge compels Mubarak to come to the fore on Palestinian rights. To fail to speak out against Israel's oppressive policies would leave the field wide open to Islamic militants, who already accuse Mubarak of doing far too little to defend his Palestinian brothers. This factor, as well as a genuine concern for the fate of the Palestinians, has motivated Mubarak to launch a new peace initiative, calling for a six-month cessation of hostilities in the occupied territories, an end to settlement activities there, and the convening of an international peace conference.

## Halt

Mubarak, for reasons alluded to earlier, could not and would not address the American public on these issues with anywhere near the impact that Sadat would have. Yet Mubarak's desire for genuine, lasting peace in the area is the same, and, in contrast to Sadat's former standing, Egypt's President is able and willing to mediate among all parties to the conflict.

Mubarak's call for a six-month halt of hostilities has

already gone unheeded by angry

Palestinians. Yet, there may still be enough time to reverse the

escalation of violence in the area if American officials act quickly,

as they now appear to be doing, to support the efforts of

Mubarak, moderate Israelis, and

Arabs to find a just solution to the conflict.

Washington insiders say that, just one week before Mubarak's visit, Secretary of State George Shultz wished to have nothing more to do with the Palestinians.

Within days of Mubarak's departure, Shultz announced the administration's willingness "to engage itself heavily and commit time and resources" to a peace process.

Mubarak certainly cannot be granted total credit for Shultz's change of heart, but his visit was clearly a critical ingredient.

Now one can only hope that US officials will take Sadat's former standing, Egypt's President is able and willing to make real progress toward peace in the area.

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## David Owen's future uncertain

unless it (the Party) has hard edges, unless it has a core policy," said the former medical doctor.

Owen describes the core policies of the SDP as "left of centre," though he doesn't like the term. He says he remains concerned with social justice and the redistribution of wealth from his early years as a member of the Labour Party and in posts as government minister for health and social services and secretary of state for foreign affairs.

## Monopoly

He clings to the idea, which first surfaced in Britain in the 1970s, of integrating the tax system with the social security system "with a considerable generosity" to eliminate the rivalry and reduce the inefficiencies of two unwieldy

# Breeding problems in captivity

Zoos around the world now contain more than half a million individual mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, but they are severely limited in terms of sheer space and animal care capacity to preserve the interests of endangered species.

By Norman Myers

NOAH built his Ark of wood, and it did the job. Today we build our zoos of sturdier stuff. But will they do their latter-day job of helping multitudes of threatened species?

According to Dr William Conway, director of the New York Zoo and chairman of the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums, modern zoos can do a great deal to serve as a backup strategy to support the primary conservation goal of safeguarding species in their wild habitats. No less and no more.

Zoos are severely limited in terms of sheer space, let alone animal-care capacity. All the animal space in the world's zoos would comfortably fit inside the inner London Circular.

Zoos now contain rather more than half a million individual mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

During the past few years they have bred about 9 per cent of all 8,700 bird species, and 19 per cent of all 4,500 mammal species.

Not all of these are yet threatened or rare creatures: this is the case for only 12 per cent of the birds and 48 per cent of the mammals. But the number of endangered forms is expanding rapidly.

It is an expensive business to care for threatened animals. One Siberian tiger costs almost £2,000 a year to care for, which means that to care for an expected total of 500 Siberian tigers in the world's zoos over a period of 20 years will cost almost £20 million.

Gorillas are even more costly: the 500 in zoos cost £2,850 each per year, making a total of £28 million over 20 years. Unless we can keep them alive in captivity, we shall probably witness, within the coming decades, the demise of around 100 large carnivore species, some 160 species of primates, and perhaps 215 herbivores other than primates, plus about 300 species from other mammalian orders, making a total of about 800 species.

Something similar will hold for birds. In addition we shall have to depend on zoos for the survival of several hundred



Who will pay for the next meal? Tigers face real problems.

species of reptiles and amphibians. All in all, then, we need to think in terms of zoocare for at least 2,000 large terrestrial vertebrates.

Yet it costs an average of at least £40 for annual maintenance (space, food, heating, veterinary care and the like) of an individual of typical species. This means that were the zoos of the world to maintain 2,000 species at population levels of 500 each (considered a probable optimal for genetic-health purposes) over a period of 20 years, it would cost as much as it cost the US to put a man on the Moon. Some observers think the cost could be twice as much or more.

Worse, we certainly shan't be

able to return more than a handful of species to the wild within the next 20 years. A realistic prognosis is that we may have to wait 200 years so the zoo bill could eventually amount to hundreds of billions of pounds, simply to save 2,000 species from the

problems of small animal populations such as occur in zoos and increasingly in the wild. Small populations rapidly lose genetic diversity that is vital for species to maintain their adaptability and vigour. The smaller the population, the faster the loss.

Equally important, it is not enough, for genetic-health needs, merely to count the number of animals. The "genetically effective" size of a population is a function of the proportion of animals that actually reproduce, considered in conjunction with their sex ratios and family sizes.

The more disparate are the sex ratio and family size, and the smaller the proportion of breeders, the faster is genetic diversity lost. Indeed the genetically effective size can vary from one-tenth to twice the size of the total population. By the late 1970's, and due primarily to great variations in family sizes, the critical size of the Siberian tiger population in North America was only 10 to 20 per cent of their numbers.

Worse, this North American tiger population is ageing. If recent trends were to continue until 1990, about 45 per cent of the females and 29 per cent of the males would be well past the "demographic prime" for such tigers. In other words, the population would be far on its way to genetic instability, and hence to demographic senescence.

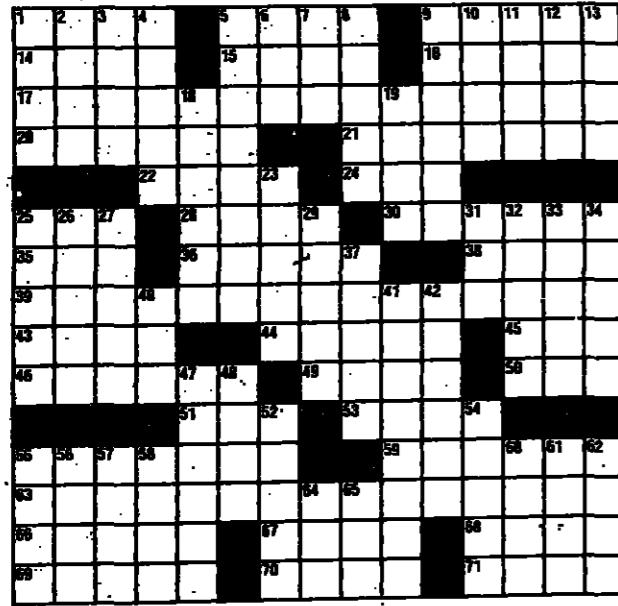
Along the way, we shall encounter some difficult challenges of "breeding ethics". Consider the Siberian tiger. According to zoo-tiger experts Drs Tom Foose and Ulysses Seal of the Minnesota Zoo, there are about 700 Siberian tigers in zoos today, more than remain in the wild. Almost 90 per cent of them have been born in captivity. Of the

population (to use the scientific term for frozen zoo methods) to become a viable alternative to conventional breeding for most species. Moreover, cryogenics, like many technological fixes, could prove extremely expensive. After all, it has cost us millions of pounds and decades of research to develop techniques for just a single species, cattle.

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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS  
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5 Feature of a frigate  
9 Confabulations  
14 Brainstorm  
15 Ski resort in Utah  
16 Nouveau —  
17 Stay cool  
20 Contaminant  
21 Fanfare  
22 Kind of light  
24 Work unit  
25 Charged atom  
26 Author of "Lucky Jim"  
30 Diane or Buster  
35 —!!  
36 Philo, the sleuth  
38 — Alto  
39 Watch out!  
43 Away from the wind  
44 Violinist Isaac  
45 — if by land!  
46 Weasel's relative  
49 Speaker of the diamond  
50 Prof's deg.  
51 Down Under leaper  
53 Bishoptics  
55 "Shores of Tripoli" force  
59 Capital of Campania  
63 Means to success  
66 Forest dwellers  
67 Nora's pouch  
68 — the finish  
69 Doctrine  
70 Not spurious  
71 Monster's lair  
  
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:  
ATAIN OWLS BALE  
MILIO KIOWA EWER  
ATIT ASPEN TAME  
SHEEPSHEAD BAY  
SENSE STAR  
AMOS ITAL INURE  
RAMPAGE MOUNTAIN  
ANNUAL MESS OLD  
MOIRA TEA  
RATS MIDST  
LAMBETH PALACE  
ITEM ERROR ORAN  
DATE DRAPE NERO  
OMAIN APES ADEN

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
ELIMINATE THE GUESS

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH

♦ K Q 9

♦ J 7 3

♦ A Q 10

♦ A J 10 6

WEST

♦ 7 4 3

♦ 6

♦ A K Q 10 9 6 4 7 8 5

♦ 9 4 2

♦ 9 7 6 5 3

♦ 5

EAST

♦ 9 8 7 4 2

SOUTH

♦ A J 10 8 5 2

♦ 7 2

♦ K J 8

♦ K 9 3

The bidding:  
West North East South  
3 7 Dbl Pass 4 NT  
Pass 5 7 Pass 6 ♠  
Pass Pass Pass  
Opening lead: King of ♦

There are many situations where you can take a finesse either way. If, when the time arrives to take it and it is still a pure guess, you probably went wrong somewhere in the play.

North had an awkward hand. It was certainly strong enough to act, but it was square and had only three cards, albeit choice ones, in the unbid major. He elected to act, and

before he knew it he found himself being dummy while partner played six spades.

Because of the unfortunate duplication in diamonds, declarer found that his slam depended on finding the queen of clubs. He could take the finesse either way, and that would have complicated the situation had declarer found it essential to rely on the finesse. Instead, he made the contract iron-clad, as the cards lay.

Declarer ruffed the second round of hearts, drew trumps ending in dummy and ruffed the last heart as East showed out. Then came three rounds of diamonds, and when West followed to the first two of these, declarer could claim his contract. West had shown up with three spades, seven hearts and two diamonds, so he could hold at most one club. Declarer led a club to the ace and ran the jack of clubs to score his slam.

Note that if North did not have the ten of clubs, the only chance for the contract would have been to find West with a singleton honor in the suit. Far from being a hindrance, the two-way finesse actually made the slam a laydown.

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## By Suzanne Malich

FERGUS FALLS, Minnesota (AP): The llamas grazing on Jan and Gene Wells' farm are lovable and lucrative, two reasons the shaggy creatures are becoming popular pets and prized investments.

"In lots of ways, they're the perfect animal," Mrs Wells said.

"They don't bite, they don't kick. The only thing they do is spit a foul-smelling cud, and they do that mostly among themselves."

LLamas are one of hottest investments in the 1980s and have become a status symbol for some, says Brad Smith, an assistant professor of veteri-

ary medicine at Oregon State University.

"The return on investment is remarkable," said Smith, who directs a Llama research programme.

LLamas are long-necked and humpless cousin of the camel. Sell for as much as 80,000 dollars and could break \$100,000 soon, he said. There are about 20,000 llamas in the United States, mostly in the states of California and Oregon.

The llamas, which can range

from black, gray, white, brown or any combination, are natives of South America and were raised to be pack animals and for their wool.

LLamas are incredibly curious, super inquisitive animals," Smith said. "A lot of people would have a hard time spending 20,000 dollars for a pet, but for others, they're perfect."

A sign reading "Llama crossing" greets visitors at the Wells' Llama breeding farm, called horseshoe valley llamas, just

south of Fergus Falls in north-central Minnesota.

The llama business is becoming increasingly lucrative, the couple said.

"It is our main source of income," Wells said. "There's a good market for them and the profit is very high."

The females start out at about 6,500 dollars and a high-quality female can sell for more than 10 times that amount, Mrs Wells said. The males usually start at about 500 dollars, with the females fetching higher prices because they are the producers, she said.

The Wells spend about 1,500 dollars a year on feed and medical expenses for their llama herd.

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

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## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will find more doors open to you, but you must still take care. If you do not you are liable to create confusion. Try to ensure you do not offend anyone. Be sensible.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will not be in the best of moods but you should do your best to avoid being quarrelsome. You should not be slow to show your appreciation. Try to avoid giving rise to jealousy. Be cordial.



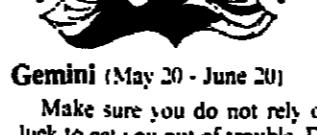
Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Unless you seek to organise yourself better you are liable to get into a muddle. You should go out of your way to play fair. Make sure you welcome rather than resist change. Be objective.



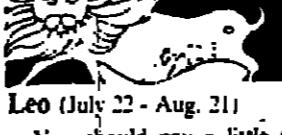
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should avoid allowing work to eat into your leisure time. Make sure you do not lose your temper with anyone least of all a child. Beware of deluding yourself. Be a little more optimistic.



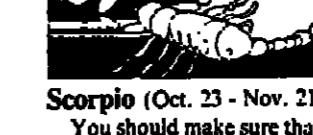
Gemini (May 20 - June 21)

Make sure you do not rely on luck to get you out of trouble. Do not lose contact with a friend who is moving house. You will have to dress more appropriately than you have been of late. Be less resentful.



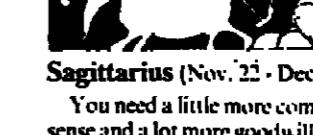
Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will be in rather high spirits and must try to contain yourself. You will have something to be really pleased about. Try not to contradict yourself. Be a little more considerate.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should make sure that others understand what you are saying. You should pay great attention to maintain harmony with your friends and colleagues. One of your problems requires a little more patience. Be less obstinate.



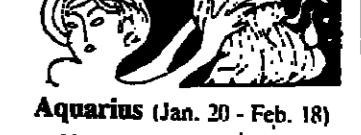
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You need a little more common sense and a lot more good will. You should concentrate on essentials and leave the details until later. Do not leave planning for a journey until the very last minute.



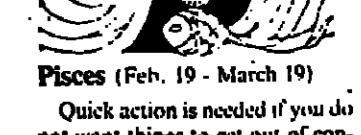
Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Your personal life will have moments of tension and you will need forbearance to deal with them. You will realise how lucky you have been. Do not take everything quite so literally. Be sincere.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will feel a little more enterprising than you have been of late. You should deal with something you have been putting to one side. There is room for just a little more optimism. Be less suspicious.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

## Dear Junior Readers,

An essential part of your participation in school is paying attention in class. This is sometimes difficult because it is easy to let your mind wander and to begin thinking about what you will do at recess or after school with your friends.

To be a successful student, however, you must give the teacher your full attention. A way of helping you to be an active student is to take notes on what the teacher is saying or to repeat in your mind the information given. Look at the teacher when she/he is speaking, and remove anything from your desk that might be a distraction.

Anyone can simply sit in a chair in a classroom. But an active student is mentally alert and aware of the instruction taking place. Be an active student by focusing your attention on the teacher, and then you will enjoy your recess and after school time, knowing that you have listened and understood what was taught in the classroom.

Aunt Barbara

## ASK Quiz Bowl Teams take top places



The American School of Kuwait's Quiz Bowl Team A took first and Team B second place in the EMAC Academic Games held at the Schutz American School in Alexandria, Egypt. Universal American School placed third. Represented were 21 teams from Cairo, Abu Dhabi, Athens, Jordan and Kuwait. All of the teams faced stiff competition in the nine rounds of question and answer sessions. ASK's Team A is pictured above standing with Omar Bhaimia, Naim Hilal, Ray Heaney, Imran Siddiqui, Team B (kneeling) with Omar Siddiqui, Vasudev Gupta, Asadullah Aman, Taric Hegab and Team C (kneeling) with Ramy Shahin, San San Lo, Sahar Bhaimia, Gaurav Grover & Dileepan Sivapathasundaram. The teams are pictured with their coaches and sponsors Richard Hartung and Trish Tareco.

Subjects covered in the Quiz Bowl were Science, Mathematics, History, Health, Sports, Music and Entertainment. Students ranged in age from 11 to 14.

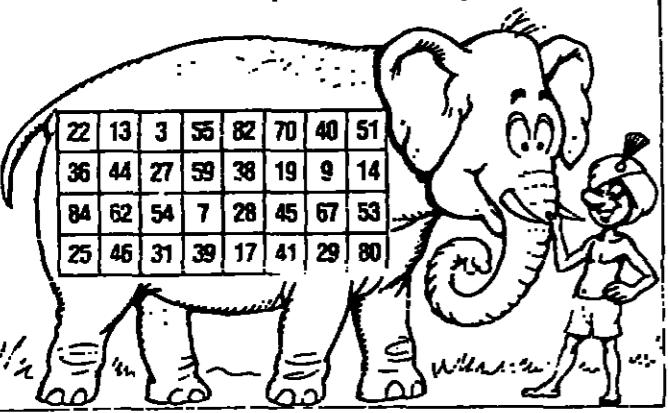
## Happy birthday



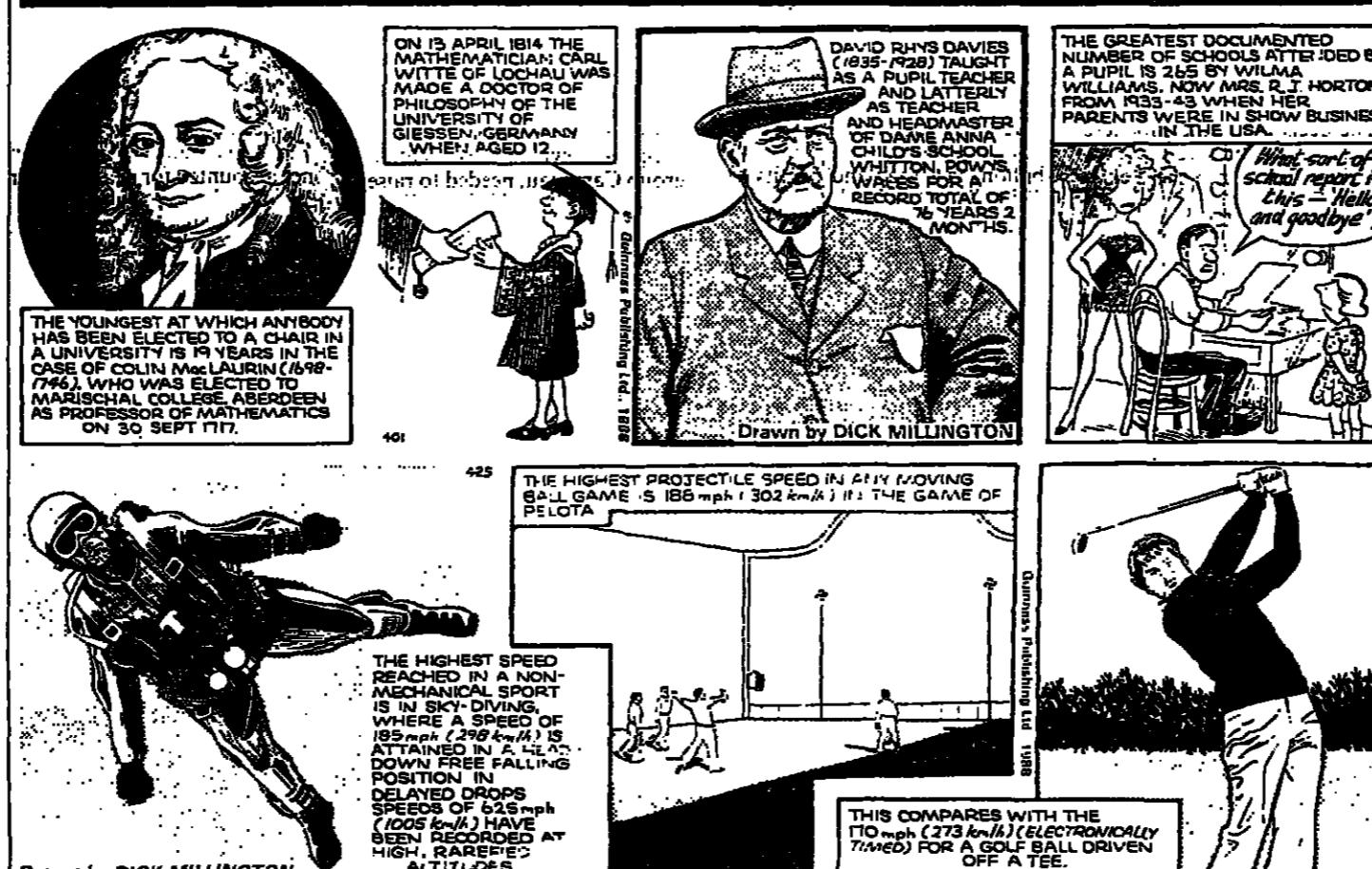
Bonita Fernandes celebrated her 8th birthday on Sunday, March 6. Happy birthday, Bonita, from your family and friends.

## Add it up

Two numbers added up make 88. Can you find them?

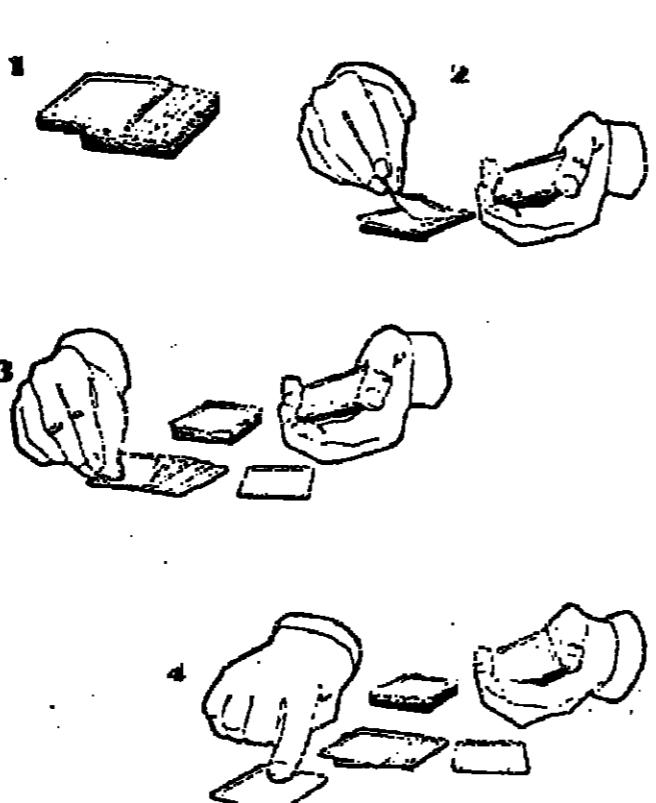


## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



Five cards just to the right of the single one (3)). Remove the last card you dealt and put it to one side face down; it is an Ace but you don't show it (4). Drop the cards remaining in your hand on top of the remainder of the right-hand pile, place all of those cards on the single card to the left, and put all of them back on top of the deck.

Ask for another number from 10 to 20, and repeat the process by counting off that many cards and then making two smaller piles equal to the two digits of the number. The last card dealt is always placed to one side. When you have all four Aces together, turn them over. That'll be four Aces over easy.



## Big Bear to the rescue

MR MOLE lived in a secret tunnel. The tunnel started with a hole in Skunk's yard. It ended at the bottom of an old well. Nobody used the well because it was dry. But Mr Mole liked to take naps there.

One day Big Bear walked by the well. He looked down and saw Mr Mole sleeping in the well.

"Oh, my goodness," said Big Bear. "Poor Mr Mole has fallen in the well."

Big Bear lay down and stuck his head into the hole. "Mr Mole," he called. "Mr Mo-o-o-e."

Mr Mole didn't stir. "Oh, dear," cried Big Bear. "He's been knocked out. I must rescue him." And he ran off to look for a rope.

Soon he met Squirrel. Squirrel was sitting by the road looking at a pile of bricks. "Quick, Squirrel," said Big Bear. "I need a rope to rescue Mr Mole, who has fallen in the well."

Squirrel did not look up. "That's terrible," he said. "I'd like to help. But first I must carry these bricks to my house. If you can find me a wheelbarrow for Squirrel, so he can get me a rope to rescue Mr Mole, who has fallen in the well."

Owl blinked. "Count on me, Big Bear. I think I know where I can find a wheelbarrow. But right now I have to feather my nest. If you can find me a soft pillow, I'll get you a wheelbarrow."

Spotted Pony was trying to scratch his back. "That's a very sad story," he said. "I'll look for a pillow. But first I have to get these flies out of my mane. Find me a brush, and I'll find you a pillow."

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Big Bear sighed. "It's a long story. Just give me the brush, Skunk."

Skunk took a tiny bite of toast. "Sure," he said. "As soon as I've finished eating this very dry piece of toast." Then he added, "Of course, I'd get done a lot faster if I had some honey."

Big Bear jumped up. "Honey?" he said. "I have lots of honey at home." Big Bear ran to his house. He got a jar of honey and took it to Skunk. Skunk gave him a brush.

Then Big Bear raced

across the field to Spotted Pony. "Now hurry and get the pillow," said Big Bear, putting the brush in Spotted Pony's teeth. "And meet me in Skunk's yard."

Big Bear ran up the road. He passed Owl. "You'll find a soft pillow in Skunk's yard," he shouted. "And don't forget the wheelbarrow."

Finally, he came to Squirrel. Squirrel hadn't moved. "Okay, Squirrel," said Big Bear. "There is no time to lose. Bring the rope to Skunk's yard and you'll get the wheelbarrow. But hurry!"

Bank in Skunk's yard, Big Bear walked around and around. At last the others came. "Please," called Big Bear, "if you will just get in line, we can finish fast."



Spotted Pony and Skunk. Big Bear said, "It's nice to have you with us, Mr Mole. This is my fault. When I saw you going at the bottom of the well, I thought you'd fallen in." Big Bear held up the rope. "I was trying to rescue you."

Mr Mole was surprised to see all his neighbours. They didn't see him. So he just stayed quiet and waited to find out what would happen.

The trading began. Spotted Pony gave Owl the soft pillow. "I'm only doing this for the sake of Poor Mr Mole," said Spotted Pony, brushing his mane with Skunk's brush.

Owl pushed the wheelbarrow toward Squirrel. "I wonder if Mr Mole knows all the trouble we've gone to," said Owl, hugging his pillow.

Squirrel threw Big Bear a rope. "Mr Mole is very lucky to have us for friends," said Squirrel, taking the wheelbarrow.

Big Bear caught the rope. "A rope," he shouted. "At last a rope!" Someone behind them coughed.

"Did you hear something?" Squirrel asked. "I think so," said Spotted Pony. "It sounded like a cough," said Owl.

"AHEM!" They all jumped. There was Mr Mole. For a second no one moved. Then they rushed over to Mr Mole. They shook his paw and slapped his back. "How did you get out? How did you get out of the well?" they kept asking.

"What do you mean?" Mr Mole answered. "I just walked through my tunnel, the same as always."

"Oh," said Squirrel. "Oh," said Owl and

"My nest was too heavy," said Squirrel.

Everyone stopped talking. They all looked at their feet. Finally, Squirrel cleared his throat. "I guess we could have been more helpful," said Spotted Pony.

Mr Mole added, "Even when the friend doesn't need to be rescued."

Skunk had the last word. "Everyone's invited to a party in honour of Big Bear," he announced. "Big Bear was the only one who tried his best."

They all cheered. "Hurrah for Big Bear!"

It was a fine party. They had a pillow fight. They brushed each other's backs. They rode around in the wheelbarrow. And they jumped rope.

At supper there was plenty of honey for everyone.

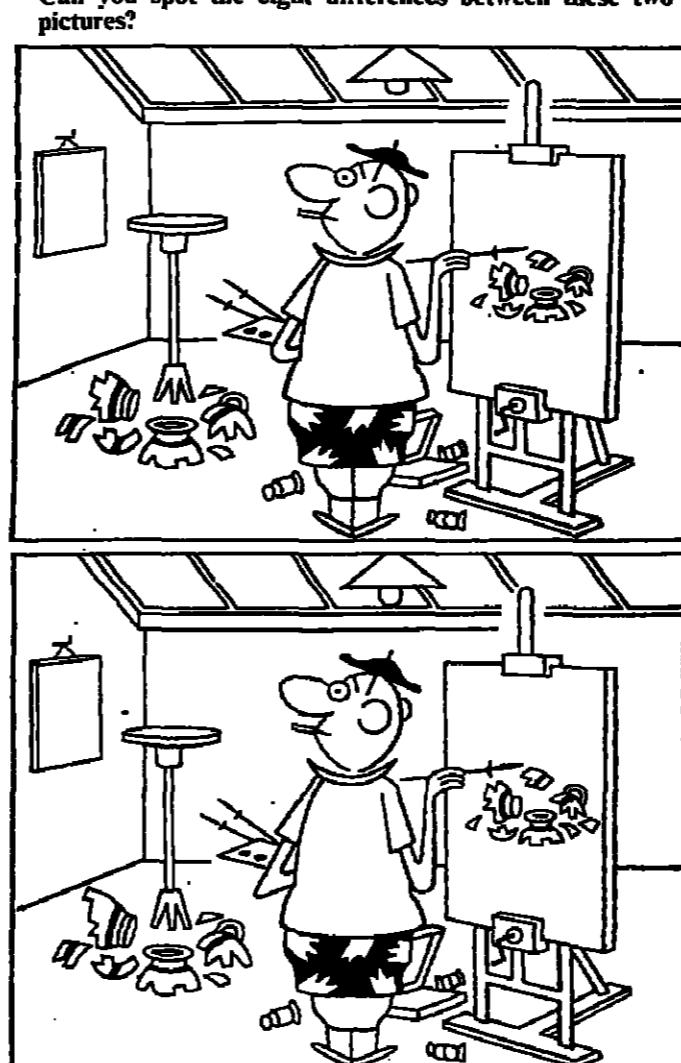
## Search for something to wear

Allowance	Grade	Ease	Tack
Applique	French seam	Edge-stitch	Tailor tacks
Basting	Grade	Fabric	Tape-measure
Bias	Grade	Facing	Pattern
Binding	Grade	French seam	Tension
Blind-stitch	Grade	Gathering	Thread
Buttons	Grain	Grain	Pins
Canvas	Gusset	Gusset	Top-stitching
Casing	Hemline	Hemline	Tucks
Clip	Sealive	Sealive	Vent
Dart	Stay-stitching	Stay-stitching	Warp
	Interfacing	Stitch	Weft

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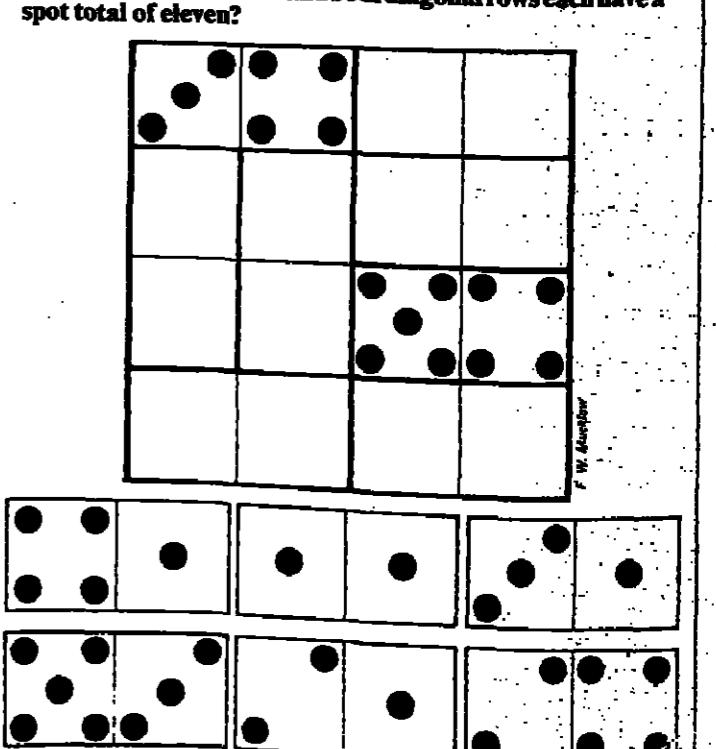
## Great potential

Can you spot the eight differences between these two pictures?



## On the spot

Can you place the dominoes into the grid so that the four vertical, four horizontal and both diagonal rows each have a spot total of eleven?



## Magic tricks

Magic in Your Pocket

## That's four in a row

## The illusion:

Someone calls out a number between 10 and 20, and you count that many cards off the deck. Two smaller packets are taken from that group, one packet for each of the two digits. You pick up the last card dealt and put it to one side face down. All the cards are gathered up, replaced on the deck, and a second number asked for. You repeat the process with new numbers until you have four cards down in a row. Have an onlooker turn them over and there are the four Aces.

## The preparation:

You have put the four Aces on top of the pack with nine cards on top of them (1).

The rest is automatic.

## The trick:

Ask for any number between 10 and 20. Let's say someone calls out 15. Count that many cards into a pile in front of you and set the deck aside (2). Pick up the 15 cards and tell your audience that a 15 is made of a one (deal a single card slightly to your left) and a five. (deal



## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## International Bond Highlights

Frankfurt — France's Compagnie Financiere De Credit Industriel Et Commercial is issuing a 300 mn mark, 10-year Eurobond with a 6-1/4 pct coupon priced at 100-5/8, lead manager Morgan Stanley GMBH said. (RTWN 1144)

Istanbul — Turkey will issue a 300 mn mark, seven year 6.75 pct bond agreement on Thursday, Turkish Central Bank General Secretary Ercan Kumcu said. (RTZC 1537)

London — Sanwa Bank International Ltd said it is issuing, via a special purpose subsidiary named Flash VI Ltd, 33.2 mln dls in floating rate notes due March 16, 1993. (RTXI 1414)

## Interest Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-1/2 1/4	8-13/16 11/16	9-1/16 8-15/16
FFT 3-30/40	3-40/50	3-40/50
PAR 7-9/16 5/8	7-3/8 1/2	7-1/2 5/8
ZUR 1/8 3/8	1-3/8 1-5/8	1-3/4 2
BRX 5.30	6.00 1/8	6.00 1/8
ROM 10-1/8 10-1/2	11-11-1/2	11-11-1/2
ANS 3-3/4 3-7/8	3-7/8 4.0	3-15/16 4-1/16
TOS 3.5625 6250	3.9375 4.0000	3.8125 8750
ECU 6.06 6.31	6.06 6.18	6.25 6.37

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	1 11/16	4 1/16
3 months	4 3/16	4 1/2
6 months	4 7/16	4 13/16
1 year	4 7/16	5 1/8

## BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	65	63.50	65	NICO	520	510	505
ACC 146	143	140	GRASIM	31.50	31.50	31.50	MUKUND	79	78.50	78.50
ASIA PAINT 150	147.50	148.75	GSFC	87	85.50	85.50	NOCL	437.50	430	425.50
BAJAJ AUTO 412.50	416.25	415	RIND LEVER	68	68.50	68	PEICO	27	26.50	27
BAR.RAYON 165	160	160	HINDALCO	122.50	122	121	PFIZER	71	69.50	69.50
BON.DYING 132.50	128	123.50	HINDCOCO	78.75	77.50	80	PRAUTO	25.25	25.50	25
BR. 79.50	78.50	79	HIMOTOR	18.50	18	18.25	RAYMOND	47	46.50	47.50
BSE INDEX 398.98	407.66	407.66	IND.ORG	18.50	19	17.50	RELIANCE	85	84	82
COLGATE 192.50	193.75	192.50	INDROL	50	49	49	SIEMENS	67	65	65
DEEPEART 29	28.50	28.50	ITC	165	167.50	166.25	SPIC	29	27.50	27.75
ET.HOTEL 41	39	40	JKSYNTH	55.50	56	55	TATA PUR	187.50	185	188.50
ESKATE 201.25	197.50	187.50	L.AND.T	79.50	79.50	78	TATACHEM	64	63	63
ESSAR 17.50	18	17.50	MANINDRA	55	53.50	55	TELCO	355	350	345
GAR. POLY 80.50	79	78.50	MASTERSHR	9.12	9	9.12	TISCO	600	602.50	593.50
GE.SHIP. 23.25	23.25	22.85	MATHER PL	97	96	96	VOLTAS	255	250	250

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR.CLOSE	KITSUB CP	1260	1270					
AEG	231.5	225.0	AKIJINOMOTO	3360	3340	MITSUB CP	661	664		
ALLIANZ VR	1378.0	1386.0	AKAI ELEC	529	539	MITSUB EST	2230	2240		
BADENWERK	178.0	183.5	AKOI	1000	990	MITSUB HVY	657	651		
BAASF	242.0	242.5	ASAHI GAS	1920	1940	MITSUI CO	778	784		
BAFER	262.3	263.5	ASAHI OPT	595	598	MITSUKOSHI	1560	1560		
BAFER HYP	357.0	352.0	BANK TOKYO	1510	1520	MICHICHI	1330	1370		
BAYER VER	357.5	346.0	BRIDGESTONE	1410	1410	NIKON CHNT	873	868		
BBC	307.5	311.0	CASIO COMP	1330	1320	NIKKO SEC	2050	2070		
BHF	338.0	328.0	CHIRGAI MNG	0	0	NIPOL	2140	2100		
CHENIE-VER	0	120.0	CITIZEN W	643	640	NIPKOKAN	380	376		
COMMERZBK	231.5	227.5	D-ICHI KAN	3210	3210	NIPOL	1240	1230		
CONTI CMM	235.5	234.7	DAI NIP IK	803	795	NIP STEEL	441	443		
DAITMER BEN	694.0	696.0	DAI NIP PT	2580	2570	NIP YUSEN	587	593		
DEUTSC BNC	428.0	426.8	DAI NIP SC	972	973	NIS MOTOR	905	905		
DLL	327.0	323.0	DAI NIP TO	685	680	NOMURA SEC	3910	3930		
DRESDNER B	248.5	246.8	DAICEL	905	905	OMBA CO	990	1000		
DTB BABCOCK	156.50	151.50	DAIMIA H	3600	3600	OLYMPUS	1160	1140		
DTZ INDEX	454.44	457.66	DANIM SEC	2700	2710	PIONEER	3300	3190		
GOLDSCHMID	238.0	237.0	EBRA NFG	870	860	RENOV	840	844		
GUTEHOFF	0	0	EISAI	2490	2530	RICON	1270	1260		
HARPER	397.0	392.5	FUJITSU	1540	1530	SAKYO	2230	2270		
HOECHST AG	255.9	253.5	FUJI BANK	3470	3470	SANYO ELEC	530	528		
HOCHEM	106.8	108.1	FUJI PHOTO	4300	4210	SEITU ST	2430	2550		
HORTEN	182.5	174.0	FUJISAMA	2090	2070	SEKISUI PB	1910	1940		
HUSSEL-HLD	421.0	428.8	FUJITI CP	740	730	SHARP	1020	1010		
KALI SALZ	143.2	143.8	HITACHI	1388	1360	SHISEIDO	1700	1730		
KARSTADT	419.0	421.5	HONDA MOT	1640	1590	SONY	5270	5160		
KAUFHOF	366.0	368.1	ISETAN	1600	1400	SUMITOMO	1110	1120		
KLOECK H	104.0	95.0	ITO YOKADO	4110	4120	TAISEI	950	952		
KLOECK M	0	67.5	JAP SYN RU	1040	1060	TAISHO MRN	1190	1190		
LINDE	573.0	571.0	JAPAN AIR	15900	16100	TAKEDA CH	3270	3260		
MAN	154.5	153.0	JAPAN MET.	472	478	TEIJI	817	821		
MANNESMAN	118.8	118.8	KAJIMA	1550	1550	TKO NEW IX	107.98	109.17		
MERCEDES	235.0	226.5	KANSAI	3050	3060	TKO MRN	2090	2100		
METALLGES	560.5	560.0	KAWASAKI H	342	338	TOKYO ELEC	1180	1170		
MINDORF PF	66.0	66.0	KAWASAKI S	381	385	TOKYO GAS	1180	1200		
MORSK HYD	46.80	46.60	KIRIN BREW	2580	2390	TORAY IND	806	801		
PHILIP KDN	643.5	650.5	KOMATSU	638	630	TOSHIBA EL	750	753		
POSCHE	471.0	477.0	KUBATO LTD	704	703	TOTO	2320	2350		
PREUSSAG	126.0	127.0	KYOCERA	5600	5500	TOYO KOGYO	451	455		
PWA	196.0	195.5	NAKITA EL	1860	1860	TOYOTA MOT	2420	2390		
RHEIN	205.5	203.0	NAKURU	3020	3020	YAHATA	1220	1220		
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## Stock markets mixed

## Sterling soars and dollar steady

LONDON, March 7. (Reuters): Britain's pound sterling soared today as currency traders, unsure whether to buy or sell dollars, decided to park funds in relatively high interest rate British bank accounts.

Stock markets were mixed. Wall Street shares opened with the Dow Jones industrial average down 1.16 points at 2,056.70.

## Jumped

Oil prices, meanwhile, fell back to around the 16-month traded lows seen in Europe last week following renewed concern of fresh discounts being offered by some members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Widely traded British North Sea Brent crude, for March delivery was being quoted at just above \$13.75 a barrel in mid-afternoon.

On currency markets, the pound jumped to more than 3.04 marks and almost \$1.81 despite further intervention today by the

Bank of England, which sold the British currency last week in a bid to keep its value below three West German marks. The pound had closed on Friday at 2.9986 marks and \$1.77.

The market is now saying "let's see where the new topside is," a London dealer said.

The dollar itself eased to trade just above 1.68 marks and 128 Japanese yen by mid-afternoon. It had closed on Friday at 1.6890 marks and 128.70 yen.

The price of gold was fixed in London this morning at \$436 an ounce, up \$7.55.

## Prospects

With few clear signals on which market to play and which view to take on global economic prospects, the high interest rates paid on British bank deposits and bonds are looking attractive, dealers said.

But the money pouring in, by pushing up the pound, risks pricing

British goods off foreign markets.

By mid-afternoon, London's FTSE index of 100 blue chip shares had dropped more than one per cent to just below 1,810. It had closed on Friday at 1,814.5.

Many investors seemed unsure about whether the US economy was growing quickly enough to make investments there attractive — or whether it was growing so fast as to risk inflation.

Some gold traders apparently thought so — that, dealers said, was why gold was up so sharply today.

## Consumers

And traders in currencies and shares also worried that US consumers were still spending too much on imports. That was bad news for the dollar, even if it suggested that European and Asian firms did not have to worry so much about losing sales

in the United States.

But investors were not yet reassured, dealers said.

In Frankfurt, the 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index closed 1.91 points higher at 292.59, the All-Share Swiss index rose 3.6 points to 854.1 and Madrid's key index ended at a 1988 high of 266.73, up 3.36 points.

## Pressure

But other markets were under pressure. Amsterdam's CBS All-Share index was down 0.2 points to 80.1, while Milan's Mib index shed 0.4 per cent and the Paris Bourse indicator closed 0.74 per cent lower.

In Tokyo, the world's largest stock market, the 225-share Nikkei index eased 10.99 points to 256.58.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index slipped 1.98 to 2,470.40 and Singapore shares eased while Sydney's all-ordinaries index rose 23.6 points to 1,324.1.

## Goodison to step down at year-end

LONDON, March 7. (Reuters): Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the London Stock Exchange for the past 12 years, said today he would quit his job at the end of this year to head a leading British banking group.

The exchange said Goodison, 54, would join the board of the TSB Group Plc in April and would become its chairman on January 1, 1989.

"I am now happy to move on to pastures new," Goodison said.

"I have been chairman during a period of great innovation and change and now feel that the structure for the future has been built," he said.

## Dealers

His departure surprised many share dealers and analysts who said there was no obvious successor to the man who steered the exchange through the sweeping reforms of the "Big Bang", which in 1986 opened the business of dealing in shares to banks and so set off an era of white hot competition on the market.

Goodison became a member of the London Stock Exchange in 1962, having joined the family stockbroking firm H. E. Goodison in 1958. He became LSE chairman in 1976.

On taking office, Goodison was immediately faced with the then Labour government's plans to reform the exchange, setting in motion changes that eventually culminated in the Big Bang.

Goodison takes over at TSB — formerly the Trustee Savings Bank — from Sir John Read, who had led the group since 1980 and piloted it through a controversial stock market flotation in 1986.

## AMF loan for Jordan

ABU DHABI, Mar 7. (Opecna): Jordan will receive \$8 million loan from the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) to boost its trade with Arab states.

Under a programme to facilitate inter-Arab trade, AMF is extending loans to member countries.

The agreement was signed in Amman by AMF director general Dr Abdulla Al Quwaiz and Jordanian Minister of Finance Hana Awdah.

## Halifax moves into Jersey

## New international account launched

HALIFAX Building Society has opened a branch office in St Helier, Jersey in response to strong demand from its overseas customers for an international home for their investments.

The Halifax chose Jersey as a base as it is one of the most highly reputable financial centres in the world. It is geographically close to the UK, which is attractive to British expatriates. It operates within the UK banking system and is part of the sterling area.

— interest paid gross — no tax is deducted  
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— internal and external standing orders

## Contact

The minimum investment in the Halifax Deposit International is £1,000 and it is only available to individuals who are not ordinarily resident in the UK.

Existing non-resident investors with the Halifax wishing to keep their current arrangements may do so, or even hold a Halifax

Deposit International account in Jersey and retain other gross interest accounts at other branches.

The Jersey operation will be managed by John Panter, formerly director and general manager of Westpac (CI) Ltd — one of Westpac Banking Corporation's Jersey subsidiaries. The office will act exclusively as the point of contact for Halifax investors world-wide, and will not therefore have a 'high street' presence.

Mike Farnsides, general manager marketing, explains that:

"This new development means that we are able to offer our non-resident clients even greater choice, combined with the high degree of safety and security synonymous with a Halifax investment."

## India and Algeria sign trade pact

NEW DELHI, March 7. (Xinhua): India and Algeria have signed a protocol for wide ranging cooperation in the field of trade, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, petrochemicals and fertilisers, local press reported yesterday.

Under the agreement signed on Saturday, they also agreed to collaborate in research and development and transfer of technology, and explore the possibilities of exchange of expertise and manpower in the fields concerned.

The two sides will evaluate specific joint venture proposals so as to reach "proper decisions" by the end of this year.

Both sides agreed on the need for Algeria to strengthen its own engineering capabilities in order to achieve its development programme.

In this respect they agreed to set up joint engineering organizations in the fields that were identified for industrial cooperation.

## Technicians

The two sides agreed to start a training programme for the Algerian technicians and engineers in the petrochemical engineering to be conducted by Engineers India Limited.

India will also assist Algeria in setting up a technical plastic application centre.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

## SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 7.3.88

B.No.	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Safer	Aligh Barber	4842988
4	Wu Jiang	Mohd Bahar	2433881
8	Shama	ISA	2441860
9	UCO 17	Sagership	2432692
11	Kailash	Al Qutub	4747815
14	Fathulkhair	KSA	4843150
17	Puma	Al Bader	2433537

## SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.
7/3	Zarka	Al Qutub	4747815
7/3	Centro Everett	ISA	2441860
7/3	Nikolay Shchukin	Al Rasheed	2422026

## 8/3 Kara Koram Transcont

B.No.	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Caly	Mohd Bahar	2433881
12	Barbara Morgan	Al Bader	2433537
15	Grace Liberty	A Kamal	2425437

## SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.
7/3	Sunderbans	Al Majid	2421439
7/3	Sunset	Roger	2423642
9/3	Danakos	Mohd Bahar	2433881
11/3	Grace Liberty	A Kamal	2425437

## 11/3 Willine Orient

ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.
11/3	Willine Orient	Aligh Barber	4842988
11/3	Materlinck	Al Rasheed	2422026
12/3	Barzan	UASC	4843150
15/3	Kashima	ISA	2441860

## 18/3 Qatari Ibn Alfujair

ETA	Ship's Name	Agent	Tel. No.
20/3	Ville du Havre	Al Rasheed	2422026
20/3	Abu Basma	Roger	2423642
20/3	New Oasis	A S Marafie	4848665
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## Turkey's foreign debt soars

ISTANBUL, March 7. (Reuters): Turkey's foreign debt soared by about \$6 billion in 1987 but officials said today that the country had no trouble arranging new loans.

Central Bank General Secretary Ercan Kumcu said agreements for \$280 million in credits would be signed this week in Frankfurt and London.

The left-wing Cumhuriyet newspaper said Turkey's foreign debt stood at \$37.9 billion at the end of 1987, up from \$31.23 billion a year earlier.

Officials said the figures, sourced to the undersecretariat for the treasury and foreign trade, were unofficial but were in the right range.

**Difficulty** Cumhuriyet said Turkey might have difficulty finding the \$7.2 billion needed to service the debt in 1988, but noted that it had met all its obligations since a major rescheduling in 1980.

Kumcu told Reuters that European and American banks had snapped up a Central Bank seven-year, 300 million mark (\$180 million) bond to be signed for in Frankfurt on Thursday.

"The issue was sold within a day. The market is pretty good for us in Germany," he said.

## Investment seminar for expats

MALCOLM DONEY ASSOCIATES, well-known UK based investment advisers, are holding a seminar in the ballroom of the SAS Hotel on Saturday at 7.00 p.m.

Colin Paddon, who will be leading the seminar, says that he will be dealing with all aspects of the UK expatriates' investment concerns, including taxation, pension planning and savings schemes designed to take advantage of your offshore status.

Malcolm Doney Associates are members of FIMBRA and as authorised financial advisers offer their clients guaranteed protection via a UK government controlled indemnity fund. All are welcome to attend.

steady in moderate trading after opening mixed. The All-Share Swiss index rose 3.6 to 854.1.

**PARIS:** Prices opened on the main floor session lower in very quiet trading

## A plea for tolerance in art

By Michael Stott

COLOGNE, West Germany. (Reuters): Peter Ludwig, Germany's foremost art patron, is an unlikely hate figure.

A tall sailing man who earned his fortune from a chocolate empire, Ludwig has showered money, gifts and loans on 27 museums in West and East Germany, Austria and Switzerland. He won wide respect for his early backing of contemporary artists like Andy Warhol, Joseph Beuys and Anselm Kiefer.

But trouble began in the early 1980s when Ludwig started touring East Germany and the Soviet Union, buying up hundreds of paintings by officially-approved artists, saying there was nothing wrong with state art.

And when he said Nazi art should be brought out of the museum vaults where it now lies and put on public display, the trickle of discontent turned into a flood of abuse.

Commentator Klaus Staack, writing in the weekly *Die Zeit* in 1986, was alarmed by Ludwig's engagement in cultural politics.

"It is not just a question of the vanity bonus implicit in art, to which the Ludwig family have a claim. What we are seeing is an increasingly strong—and totally undemocratic—demand for power in the wider cultural sphere," he wrote. "Ludwig's demand for the inclusion of Nazi art in our museums is only the latest example of a series of such outrageous propositions".

Ludwig's commission to Arno Breker, one of Hitler's favourite artists, to sculpt a bust of him and his wife was the last straw for critics.

"He not only throws doubt on his own understanding of art, but also indirectly compromises his colleagues when he stoops to do business with the dreary Nazi beneficiary Arno Breker," Der Spiegel Magazine wrote.

Ludwig has now been accused of dictating German artistic taste, of Nazi sympathies, and even of fawning over communist East bloc leaders to boost his company's chocolate sales there—allegations he vigorously rejects.

"The basis of mine and my wife's collection is to close gaps in understanding," Ludwig, 62, said during an interview at the Cologne museum that bears his name.

"We don't want to rape visitors with our opinions. We just want everyone to have the chance to make up their own mind."

Ludwig's love of art was inherited from his parents in the family home at Koblenz on the River Rhine. While studying art history at Mainz University, he married fellow student Irena Monheim. Buoyed by the revenues of the Ludwig chocolate concern, they began to collect.

Their first purchases were conservative: ancient pottery, illuminated manuscripts, pre-Columbian figures, and porcelain. Then, in the 1960s, they travelled to New York and 'discovered' the nascent pop art movement.

Ludwig's early backing for pop art and subsequent championing of contemporary German art won him a good deal of critical respect. But he is equally

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proud of his later enthusiasm for art behind the Iron Curtain.

It was ridiculous, he said, that no Western museum showed a proper selection of Eastern bloc art.

The idea that state art is in itself inadmissible is quite absurd—if that were the case, then you could forget most of art history," he growled, thumping his desk.

Ludwig pointed to the enormous Florid Gothic structure of Cologne cathedral, towering up behind his showpiece museum.

"We have only had free art since the middle of the last century," he said. "This cathedral was not built by free artists but by the Catholic church."

"Not showing official communist art is a type of censorship—the opposite of what I understand by a free society."

Ludwig's large-scale purchases of official East Bloc art also drew critical fire.

### Sacked

Karl Ruhrberg, sacked as director of the Cologne Ludwig museum in 1984, said that towards the end of his period of office: "I often wept when I thought what sort of quality works one could have got for the price of some of Ludwig's mass purchases."

Ludwig's attitude towards art from the Nazi period—still considered unacceptable for public display in West Germany—is equally straightforward.

"The whole concept of Nazi art is absurd," he insisted. "Hitler only ruled in Germany

for 12 years and six years of that was war. He couldn't have created any new art in that time... there just weren't artists who could be trained to his ideas in such a short time."

What the Nazis did do, he added, was to choose from the art of that period works they thought came closest to their ideas.

One of those favoured personally by Hitler was Breker, now despised by the art establishment but the recipient of Ludwig's controversial commission.

The much-smearred Breker was one of the great hopes of German sculpture in the 1930s," Ludwig said with passion.

"Hitler found him wonderful and gave him all kinds of commissions... but Breker was not a Nazi artist, there is absolutely no evidence that he ever wrote any propaganda articles or supported the Nazi party programme."

All he wanted, he said, was to give people the information they needed to make up their own minds.

"The evil (Nazi) propaganda director (Joseph) Goebbels always exhibited the art he despised. Dreadful behaviour to be sure, but we haven't even dared to do that in 40 years."

"I'm no fan of Nazi art... in my entire collection I have not a single work from that period. I just think we should be independent-minded. What I hate is prejudice: all communists are devils, or nothing from the Hitler period is worth seeing. That is simply untenable."

## Treasures of Topkapi on show in the UK

## Ottoman opulence

By Robin Simon

THE name of Suleyman, who masterminded the staggering expansion of the Ottoman Empire, in the 16th century, still sends shivers down the spines of people in the West.

But, according to Michael Rogers, the British Museum's Keeper of Oriental Antiquities, he was "no more unpleasant than his European contemporaries who included such cultivated thugs as Henry VIII."

"If you are going to be moral about it, Henry VIII and Francis I were far worse than Suleyman," says Dr Rogers. "I hope this exhibition will show that the Ottoman Court was the equal of anything in Italy, France or Britain at the time."

It does that effortlessly, although it still seems chillingly appropriate that one of the first things you see is Suleyman's own sword. It is set with ivory, gold, rubies and turquoise, and decorated with intricate gilded animals and foliage.

"War was rather like going shooting today. The occupation of a gentleman. And Suleyman combined his campaigns with a lot of hunting. He often left his Vizier to carry on with the main campaign," says Dr Rogers.

The sword is just one of the many treasures on loan from the legendary Topkapi Museum in Istanbul, which have never been seen before in

Britain. There are jewelled writing boxes, helmets, silk-covered wicker and steel shields, a huge campaign throne, illuminated manuscripts by the greatest artists and calligraphers, richly-coloured ceramics, book-bindings—everywhere jewels, gold, rock crystal, ivory and more jewels.

The Topkapi collection is probably the greatest court collection surviving intact, and some of the most astonishing things are the superb clothes on view. Textiles are notoriously fragile, but the silk kaftans in this exhibition look as fresh as the day they were made four-and-a-half centuries ago.

The reason is a curious one, according to Dr Rogers: "When someone died, his clothes were rolled up and put away—they were always kept in cupboards, and relative humidity remained constant. They survive to a degree unknown to the West."

He was a law-giver and consummate administrator. Trained as a goldsmith, some 2,500 poems said to be by him also survive, of which he actually wrote about half himself.

The exhibition reflects all the many aspects of Suleyman's unimaginably extravagant world. And it is full of reminders of how uncertain life at the top could be.

Where Henry VIII had wives, Suleyman had sons—an interesting irony. And especially tricky since national interests demanded the elimination of superfluous heirs.

## 'Perestroika, glasnost' selling well

## Free enterprise thrives in Moscow's art market

By Susan Smith

MOSCOW, (Reuters): You can buy everything from oil paintings to buttons saying 'perestroika—yes' at Moscow's outdoor art market, where the snowy paths are as crowded as a Western department store during a clearance sale.

Every weekend, scores of salespeople at Izmailovo park on the outskirts of Moscow offer paintings, wood carvings and lacquered boxes, as well as cheap jewellery, plastic puppets, candles, tea cosies, knitted mittens and elastic headbands.

"Everybody should have one of these," barked one of the men with a fistful of 'perestroika—yes' buttons in one hand and a fistful of roubles in the other.

The buttons, selling for one rouble (1.60 dollars) each, refer to the catchword for Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's economic reforms.

Juice glasses with the words 'glasnost' (openness) and 'perestroika' engraved on them were also selling well.

The sellers set up tables along icy paths in the park, and prices are often written in the snow. Blaring radios and food vendors selling pork on skewers and sugary pastries create almost a carnival atmosphere for the thousands of Muscovites who flock to the park, even in sub-zero temperatures.

Souvenirs of the songster



Buyers look for bargains in freezing

temperatures in Moscow's outdoor market.

poet Vladimir Vysotsky, who died in 1980, are big sellers.

Ceramic busts of Vysotsky sit

lopsidedly on snowbanks while

Vysotsky pins

decorate

jewellery, tables and pen-and-

ink

Vysotsky

portraits hang

from the trees.

Every year, the market attracts thousands of visitors, mostly from abroad, who come to buy Soviet souvenirs and mementos of the country's history.

But the market is not just about souvenirs. It is also a place where people can buy and sell art, antiques, and other items.

There are also food and drink stalls, as well as a small shop selling postcards and other memorabilia.

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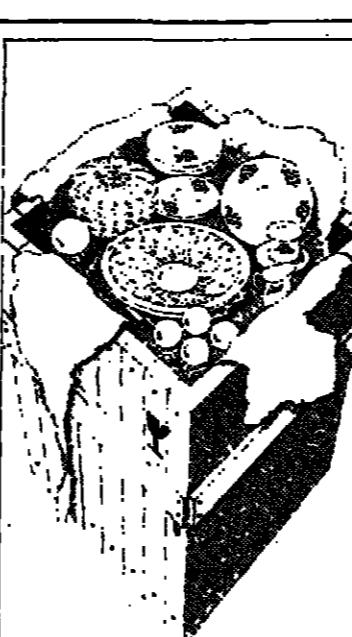
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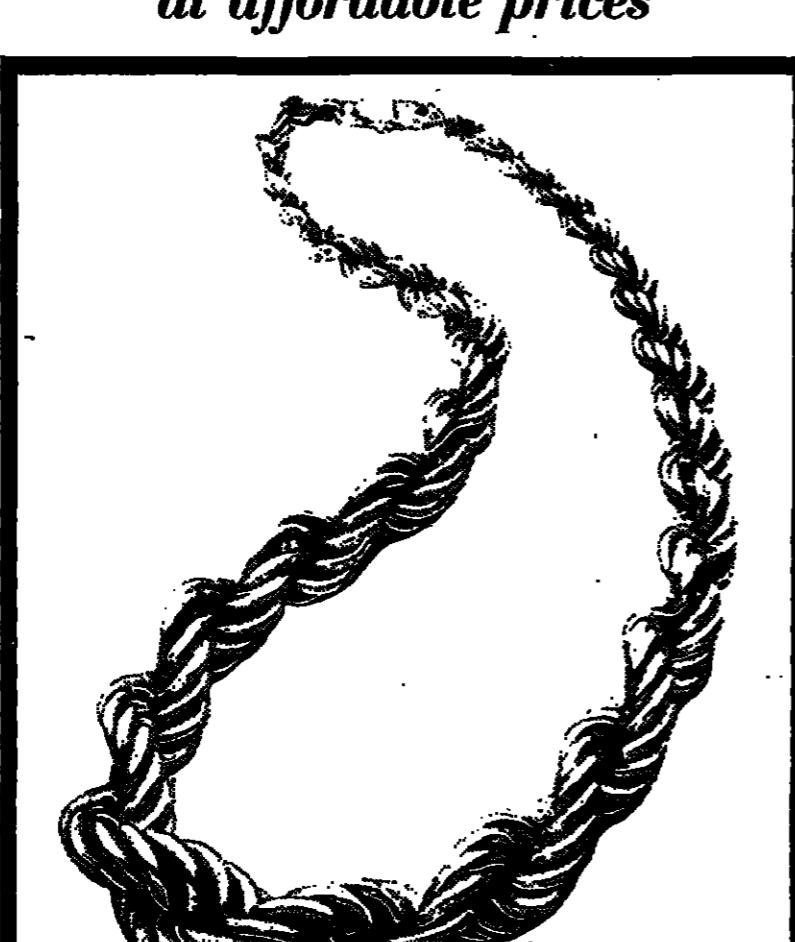
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## SPORTS

## Scott and Worthy take Lakers past Mavericks

DALLAS, March 7, (AP): Byron Scott scored 28 points to lead the Los Angeles Lakers in scoring for the fourth consecutive game as they snapped Dallas' 11-game winning streak yesterday with a 108-97 victory over the Mavericks.

James Worthy scored 23, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar added 20, and Magic Johnson had his eighth triple double of the season with 14 points, 16 assists and 10 rebounds.

Mark Aguirre led Dallas with 27 points, Derek Harper scored 15, and Rolando Blackman added 14.

The defending world champion who have the best record in the NBA at 47-10, took Dallas out of the game early behind Scott's shooting.

76ers 105, Pacers 100.

Albert King made four free throws in the final 13 seconds as Philadelphia defeated Indiana 105-100, snapping their NBA road losing streak at 20 games.

The 76ers, who last won on the road on Dec 23, got a 29-point, 16-rebound performance from Charles Barkley before he fouled out with 1:39 left and Philadelphia protecting a 99-93 advantage.

Indiana's John Long hit what he thought was a 3-pointer, but his foot was inside the line and the Pacers trailed 101-100 with 17 seconds left.

King, who had 10 of his 14 points in the second half, then sank two free throws with 13 seconds remaining and two more with three seconds left.

Celtics 127, Cavaliers 98.

Danny Ainge scored 12 of his 21 points in the third period to lead Boston over Cleveland 127-98 as the Cavaliers suffered their 34th consecutive loss at Boston Garden since 1978.

The Celtics lost two starters during the first period. Centre Robert Parish suffered muscle spasms in his lower back just 10 minutes into the game and never returned.

Larry Bird was hit on the left eye by a Dell Curry elbow with 16 seconds left in the opening, and headed to the Celtics' dressing room after finishing the quarter.

Pistons 109, Bucks 99.

Bill Laimbeer scored 22 points and Adrian Dantley had nine of his 14 in the fourth quarter as the Detroit Pistons beat the Milwaukee Bucks 109-99.

Milwaukee's John Lucas sank a 3-point basket to tie the game 85-85 with 8:32 left, but Dantley later made a three-point play to start a 16-8 run that gave the Pistons a 105-95 lead with 1:27 left.

Dennis Rodman scored four of his 20 points during the streak. Rodman also had 11 rebounds.

Isiah Thomas added 19 points and 10 assists for Detroit, while Ricky Pierce had 21 points and Jack Sikma 18 for Milwaukee.

The Bucks led 32-24 lead with nine minutes left in the second quarter, but Thomas scored 12 points in the period, including a basket at the buzzer, to give the Pistons a 50-48 halftime edge.

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(X - clinched playoff berth)

Nunn doubtful for Olympics  
ADELAIDE, March 7, (Reuter): Glynis Nunn, who took the gold medal in the women's heptathlon at the Los Angeles Olympic games, looks set to miss the Seoul Olympics after suffering back and neck injuries in a car crash.

The Australian's coach John Daly told journalists Nunn had been forced to stop training since the crash two weeks ago when she suffered severe bruising around her spine and neck. "The accident has had a disastrous effect on her because before we were confident about her making Seoul. She's very depressed about the whole thing," Daly said.

Nunn has dropped the seven-event heptathlon in favour of the 400-metres hurdles. Daly said today a final decision on whether would try for selection in the hurdles would be made after a private time trial on Sunday.

Bianchi said several players were affected by flu. "It's just a

SANCHEZ PUTS UP A FIGHT IN THE FINAL

## Becker wins Champions Cup



Becker returns a serve in the third set. (Reuter wirephoto)

INDIAN WELLS, California, March 7, (UPI): Boris Becker of West Germany successfully defended his crown yesterday in the \$702,500 Newsweek Champions Cup, defeating Emilio Sanchez of Spain, 7-5, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, in a match played in 104-degree (40C) heat.

For the third-seeded Becker, it was his first victory since winning the Queen's Cup last June. He received \$136,700 while Sanchez, the No. 8 seed, earned his richest paycheck ever, \$68,350.

### Effective

Sanchez, who previously upset second seed Miloslav Meir of Czechoslovakia and No. 4 Pat Cash of Australia, took 3-1 leads in the first two sets. But Becker rallied each time, using a booming serve and an effective volley game.

Sanchez, 22, captured the third set, but Becker recorded the pivotal break in the ninth game of the fourth set, after trailing 40-0, to go ahead 5-4. He then closed out the grueling three-hour match when Sanchez netted a running backhand.

Becker, who had six aces and eight double-faults, won despite committing 37 unforced errors to only 12 for Sanchez. The match was played before a capacity

crowd of 10,500 at the Grand Champions resort, located in the desert about 20 miles east of Palm Springs.

"It was very hot out there," said Becker. "I had to ice my head and my knees at every change. If I didn't, I would have fallen down."

Becker, ranked sixth in the world, dropped just two sets in the tournament in beating John Fitzgerald, Johan Kriek, No. 7 seed Andre Agassi and Sanchez.

"In the end my serve was the key," Becker said. "I realize I could serve big on the important points. In the first two sets it wasn't my legs that were tired, it was mental. In the third set I was quite tired, but in the fourth I really pushed myself. I pushed everything I had into it."

Sanchez, ranked 18th in the world, said he entered the match not expecting to win.

"I think the mistake for me was mentally," Sanchez said. "I should think I could beat him, then win the match. I think today I played the kind of match that I have to beat him. But when I broke him in the first two sets, I didn't realize I could beat him, so I was not so eager to beat him. But I never expected to be in the finals."



Maleeva: was given a tough time

## Maleeva overcomes Hanika for crown

WICHITA, Kan., March 7, (Reuter): Top seed Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria took advantage of Sylvia Hanika's predictable serve yesterday to win a tough battle from the third-seeded West German in the final of the \$100,000 Kansas tennis tournament.

Maleeva's 7-6 7-5 victory gave the top seed her first title of 1988 and kept her record against Hanika perfect. Maleeva, who is now 4-0 against the West German, collected \$17,000 for the win. Hanika earned \$8,500.

Maleeva turned an otherwise even match in her favour at 6-5 in the tiebreak when she ripped a forehand service return down the right side past Hanika to take the opening set.

Maleeva said she expected that

serve to come down the middle.

"I thought she might go to my backhand and I served a lot to my backhand and I thought she might want to try something else."

"For me it was not difficult today to tell where her serve was going by the toss of the ball," said Maleeva. "I knew almost every time where the ball was going."

Hanika thought the second set hinged on calls that went against her.

"I hit a couple of big aces and they called them out. I mean, I could have been 4-2 up in the second set," complained Hanika.

Hanika had trouble finding her rhythm after the questionable calls and lost her serve in the 12th and final game on unforced errors.

## Union hold on to beat YMCA

UNION Cricket Club scored a four-wicket victory over YMCA in the Winners Cup Cricket Tournament at the Ahmadi Governorate ground on Friday morning.

YMCA skipper won the toss and elected to bat, opening his innings through Bashir and Arif. The Union bowlers, especially, Azam, stuck to their task and by the 9th over YMCA were 43 for three.

Ambrose and Iftikhar took the score to 46 before another wicket fell. YMCA kept losing their wickets at regular intervals and by the end of their 30 allotted overs had compiled 164 for the loss of nine wickets.

Satiy was the top scorer for YMCA with 42. Azam was the main wicket-taker for Union with three for eight. Arshad captured two wickets while Abid and Shehzad got one each.

Target

Union opened their innings through Mehbوب and Salim who put on 38 runs for the first wicket. Mehbوب kept on batting well and was finally out for 43. Khadim held his end intact and also scored 43 as Union went past the victory target for the loss of six wickets and only three balls to spare.

Ambrose took two wickets while Peter, Parker and Ibrar got one each.

In the second match of the day, Capri Cricket Club were awarded a walkover after Gold Star failed to turn up for their match.

The third match between Kokan and Punjab was declared 'no result' after the Kokan team walked off the ground when Punjab fielded their 12th man without informing the umpire and rival captain.

The organizing committee decided not to award any points to both the teams as per the rules of the tournament.

On Friday, OKCC meet YMCA at 9.00 am and Gold Star take on Hyderabad at 1.00 pm. Both the matches will be held at the Ahmadi Governorate ground.

## Falcon slam 414 runs for new record

FALCON Cricket Club set a new record by hammering the highest total ever in Kuwait's cricketing history. Falcon slammed Rangers Cricket Club for 414 in 45 overs at the EPI ground on Friday.

The main contributions to the Falcon total came from Sher Afzal, Amin, Merwan, Anjum, Aqueel Ashraf and Rauf.

Sher Afzal scored 106 before he retired. He hit only three boundaries. Merwan scored a quick 66 before he was stumped off Manzar. Amin was in a punting mood and hammered five sixes and eight fours in his 100.

The Falcon captain asked Amin to retire the other batsmen a chance against the Rangers' bowling which lacked any penetration.

Aqueel Ashraf was stumped off Mohan's bowling for 37 while Anjum Raza retired after hitting 39. Abdul Rauf hit two sixes and two fours and remained unbeaten on 33 as Falcon put on 414 for the loss of seven wickets.

Sajid Raza was the most successful Rangers bowler with two wickets.

In reply, Rangers were only able to score 144. Sajid Raza with 61 and Manzar 38 were the only batsmen to reach the double figures.

For Falcon, the bowling honours went to Amin who took four wickets while Ayub got two. Mushtaq and Sher Afzal chipped in with one each. Falcon won the match by 27 runs.

## Wraps come off New Zealand challenger

WELLINGTON, March 7, (Reuter): The wraps are off the giant New Zealand yacht that will challenge for the America's Cup later this year.

The 42.7 metre boat, the biggest racing yacht to be built in the past 50 years, dwarfed all around it as it was towed from its east Auckland boat yard yesterday to have its keel and mast fitted at a nearby dry dock.

It will be officially launched on March 27 and shipped to the United States in May. It is due to be on the starting line to race against the San Diego Yacht Club's defender off the California coast on September 19.

The crowd who braved the wet conditions for yesterday's unofficial unveiling were most struck by the wings which protrude from either side of the hull.

## Football tourney

DHOBITALAO Boys will hold a tie-breaker football tournament at the Al Sour grounds on March 15, at 8.00 am. The draw will be held on the same day at 7.30 am. Interested teams can contact Danny at the Al Sour ground daily in the evenings.

## Crenshaw sinks birdie putt to clinch Doral Open title

MIAMI, March 7, (Reuter): Ben Crenshaw sank an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole that capped a brilliant final round for victory at the \$1 million Doral Open golf tournament yesterday.

Crenshaw, who started the day four strokes behind the leader in fourth place, shot a splendid round of six-under-par 66 on "The Blue Monster" course at the Doral Country Club for a total of 14-under-par 274.

"I told my wife this morning," Crenshaw said, "that I wanted to shoot a 66 with 33s on each side and no bogeys. That's exactly what I did."

Crenshaw's 14th career victory was worth \$180,000.

Chip Beck, the winner a week ago in Los Angeles, and Mark McCumber tied for second place just one stroke behind at 275. Raymond Floyd was alone in fourth place at 276.

Bobby Wadkins, who led through the first three rounds and was seeking his first PGA victory in 14 years on the tour, fell apart yesterday. He suffered two double bogeys for a dismal final round of four-over-par 76.

Down the stretch there were several players with a chance to win, but Crenshaw got the birdies he needed at the par-three 15th hole — by making a putt of 14 feet — and at the difficult 18th hole.

Don Levin beat fellow-American Alan Pate on the first hole of a sudden death play-off to win the \$75,000 Helix Swazi Sun pro-am tournament today.

Gianni Poli, who had set the



Maradona: below his best

ROME, March 7, (Reuters): Diego Maradona's dream of leading Napoli to a second successive Italian First Division title suffered a serious blow yesterday when they were beaten 2-1 at home by Roma — their second home defeat in five days.

On a weekend when the leaders of all the major European Leagues re-established their dominance with convincing performances, Napoli collapsed under the strain of defending their title following a minor outbreak of influenza.

Crushed

Werder Bremen consolidated their lead in the West German League with a 5-1 home win over Bayern Uerdingen. Real Madrid beat Espanol 2-0 to go seven points clear in Spain. Porto maintained a 24-match unbeaten run in Portugal and Monaco cruised 4-1.

Burnley, with Maradona below his best

seasonal problem. When they are ill, then their play drops off.

Giuseppe Giannini silenced the 75,000 crowd in Naples with a goal after 21 minutes following a quick break by Roma's West German striker Rudi Voeller and veteran defender Emilio Oddi after a second after 71 minutes before Brazilian Careca scored a late consolation for Napoli.

Karl-Heinz Riedle pulled Bremen level and then second-half goals from Frank Neubauer, two, Norbert Meier and another Riedle effort completed the rout.

With AC Milan, for whom

Dutchman Ruud Gullit returned after suspension, being held 0-0

at home by Verona, Napoli stayed four points clear

